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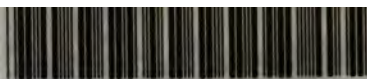
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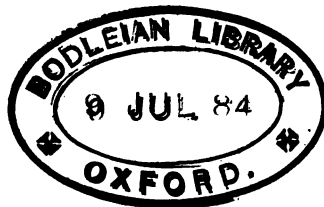


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IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men. —

The Word, or will of God.

God communicates with man through his works.

The Word of God is interpreted to man by man.

The Bible is the interpretation by wise men of the will of God, written at various periods.

Oh, God, give me light, that my eyes may see to read Thy Word in Thy works, and Thy Spirit to understand Thee in my heart.

AND the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Although man had beforetimes interpreted the Word of God—yet behold another, full of grace and truth.

No man, before or since, has been so full of the spirit of God as Jesus, or so able to interpret it so as to be understood of man, even by little children.

*My Song is of Jesus,
Thy Word in the flesh,
Full of Grace and of Truth.
Who shall resemble him?
I will imitate Jesus
Humbly yet with my whole heart,
My Master and Teacher.*

GOD is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Man encumbered by the flesh cannot see God.

That which is spiritual within him, has an affinity to God, and is always struggling to the Light.

He who would approach God must do so in spirit and in truth.

God is a spirit.

The world is material.

Man is of matter and spirit.

He who would worship God

Must put aside his body,

And with his spiritual nature

Worship in truth,

My Lord and my God.

AND she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.

Father, Thou who hast granted to Thy daughter the greatest privilege that can fall to the lot of woman, Thou who hast given to my care this helpless portion of Thyself, grant that I may so nourish and protect this little life that it may grow in health and strength of body, and that when the time comes it may learn to do Thy bidding in this life to which Thou hast brought it.

Lord, I pray that I may imitate Jesus in spirit and in truth.

HIS name, Jesus.

For he shall save his people from their sins.

Jesus—The Saviour.

Christ—The Anointed.

Selected by God to preach a new doctrine.
The doctrine of Love, of Charity, and of Mercy.

Oh, Father, my Creator, in whom I live and move, and have my being. Let me, one of Thy children, imitate, in however small a degree, the life of Thy son, Jesus, who gave himself as a sacrifice for all men. He led a good, virtuous and useful life—healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and teaching the ignorant; may I do so likewise.

A LIGHT to lighten the Gentiles, and
the glory of thy people Israel.

He shall deliver us from the burden of the
(Jewish ceremonial) law, from false teachers,
from ignorance, error, and from sin.

Knowledge, true knowledge, is a light and a
glory.

His light shall spread to all nations, and
lighten the dark places.

God, give me grace that I may recognise truth.

*Thy great book, written with Thine own Hand,
lies open before me, may the eyes of my mind be
opened to read that which is written, and may
ignorance and superstition be banished from
my sight. Let Thy light shine around me, and
enlighten my mind.*

AND the child grew, and waxed strong
in spirit, filled with wisdom.

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A healthy and pure mind, in a healthy and
pure body.

Pure and undefiled, watched by a mother's
love.

Cared for by an honest and righteous father.

Chosen by God for a great purpose.

*God, grant that I, too, may escape the vices of
youth, so that my body, pure and strong, may
become a fitting vessel, worthy to contain Thy
gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me
from evil.*

Thy Spirit is strong, but my flesh is weak.

AND the grace of God was upon him.

The surroundings of the child Jesus were such that he remained pure and unblemished.

The filth and contamination of youth touched him not.

His mother watched over him with her great love.

He was pure in body, as in mind.

Oh, God, my Maker, Father, Thou who hast formed me in the same image as Jesus, help me to resist the sinful lusts of the flesh, keep me pure, as even he was pure, that my soul may not enter into corruption.

Help the young to keep from the pollution of youth.

THEY found him in the temple, sitting
in the midst of the doctors, both
hearing them, and asking them questions.

To attain wisdom it is necessary to learn
from those who have devoted themselves to
the acquisition of knowledge.

Read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest.

It is not good to believe all that is written.

Judge for thyself, when thou hast attained
the power to judge.

*Thou who hast written Thy laws in unmis-
takable language, guide me to their true inter-
pretation.*

*I hear, and ask questions, enable me to
recognise the truth.*

WIST ye not that I must be about my
Father's business.

What is my Father's business?

The dissemination of Truth.

The elevation of Mankind.

The seeking of that which is perfect.

The suppression of evil.

To march onwards and upwards.

My Father, I also will devote myself to Thy business. I will teach those who are more ignorant than myself; to do so I will learn from those who are more learned than I. Grant that I may be guided to the truth; let my eyes be opened to Thy wisdom, and let me not be blinded by ignorance, superstition or authority.

AND they understood not the saying
which he spake unto them.

They were blinded by ignorance.

The eye sees what it brings the power to see.

How can the ignorant detect truth from falsehood?

It is only true wisdom (attained by few)
that can judge the Truth.

*Let me understand "the saying which he
speaks unto me."*

Let my eyes be opened to true wisdom.

I will seek out the truth even if it be hidden.

Aid me in my quest, my Lord and my God.

AND he was subject unto them.

Who loves us as our parents?

The father gives us the fruits of his labour, the results of his searching after truth, his guidance, advice, and protection.

The mother gives her heart to her children, what will she not sacrifice to their welfare.

What love is so pure, so disinterested as that of the mother for her child?

Oh, God, my Father. I honour my parents and love them, I will subject myself to their righteous commands. He who knew all did so. I will imitate Him, and give them my love and duty.

AND Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man.

Wisdom is of slow growth.

Wisdom is the fruit of knowledge and experience.

Wisdom is seldom for the young.

Wisdom grows with the growth, and is found in a healthy body, and in a pure and well-stored mind.

Oh, Lord, may I, too, increase in wisdom as in stature; let my body be pure, that it may be a fitting vessel for Thy Holy Spirit within me, that I also may be held in favour by God and man.

As He did, so may I do; let me imitate Him in all things.

AND Jesus began to be about thirty years of age.

And according to custom, after his baptism, he fasted forty days and forty nights, during which time he was tempted.

The ascetic sees visions.

The mind (the outcome of the brain) being dependent upon the body for nourishment, if the body be ill-nourished, so is the mind.

The balance of the mind is upset; he was tempted.

Oh, God, merciful Father, thou hast created me a man, liable to temptation, give me strength to resist; enable me to govern the inclinations of my body, that my soul may remain pure and undefiled.

MY meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

To some the most important object in life is what they shall eat.

To the follower of Jesus to do his will and finish his work is that which is of chief import.

Eat, that your body may receive strength to obey the spirit.

Do not eat that the spirit may be clogged by the grossness of the body.

Oh, God, I pray that I may be purged of the sin of gluttony, and all other sinful lusts of the flesh; my spirit is desirous to do Thy will in this life, and come to Thee hereafter, but it is cumbered with the flesh.

NO prophet is accepted in his own country.

A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

Familiarity breeds contempt.

No man is perfect; those who are with him always see his failings.

All greatness is surrounded and accompanied by littleness.

I, who would imitate, as far as in me lies, the life of Jesus, my Master and Teacher, let me conquer all my littleness of character; let me combat my own failings and suppress them, so that those with whom I live may respect and love me.

AND He preached in the synagogues
of Galilee.

It is not everyone who is capable of receiving the truth.

Some are too young, some too old, some too frivolous, too happy, or too sad.

Sow your seed broadcast, and some will fall on good ground, and bring forth one hundred-fold.

What good I can do, I will do ; it may be little, but that little will I do with my whole heart. May God aid me in my efforts, may He give me strength for the struggle ; let me waste no time, but be about my Father's business.

HE which made them at the beginning,
made them male and female.

For this cause shall a man leave father
and mother, and shall cleave to his wife ;
and they twain shall be one flesh.

This is the great law of nature.

The junction of a man and woman who love
one another is the perfection of earthly happiness; and no man or woman has completed his
or her life until married.

*God, my Father, Thou hast given me a good
gift, may I treasure it with my whole heart ;
grant that I may be worthy of Thy bounty, and
that I may devote my life to its welfare, and to
Thy service.*

MOSES, because of the hardness of
your hearts, suffered you to put
away your wives; and I say unto you
whoever shall put away his wife, except
it be for fornication, and shall marry
another, committeth adultery.

Woman is weak, be good to her, she is the
companion of thy bosom, the mother of thy
children, the nurse to thy infirmities.

A man should suffer much from his wife,
and be kind; she will return his goodness in
time.

*Give me strength to bear up against my many
troubles, they oppress me, yet will I trust in
Thee, I will have patience in adversity. It is
good for me to be chastened, it brings me nearer
to Thee.*

FEAR not, from henceforth thou shalt
catch men.

How much more noble a calling it is, to
minister to the mind than to the body.

Useful as is the production of food for the
body, still more so is the production of food for
the mind.

As the food for the body should be pure, so
much more should that be for the mind.

Be ye catchers of men.

*Oh, my Maker and my God, Thou hast called
me to the highest duty, may I be a fit follower
of my Master. I will imitate Him so far as my
weak nature will permit. May God give me
strength.*

THERE be eunuchs which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake.

All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

As man is God's noblest work, do not destroy his image.

The spirit of God within you is given, so that you may suppress that which is of the flesh, and keep it pure.

This saying is not for the many.

My God, I struggle daily with the flesh, pity me, aid me with the abundance of Thy Spirit, that I may fight the good fight, and with Thy help pass through the fire, and in due time be at peace.

DO not ye yet understand that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught.

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart, and they defile the man.

For out of the heart proceedeth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands defileth not a man.

These things defile the soul, unwashen hands defile only the body.

*I will keep a watch upon my tongue,
And bridle my lips.
I will not defile my soul with corruption,
Nor my heart with guile.*

I WILL give unto this last even as
unto you.

The burdens of life are unequally distributed.

If we look around we see some called upon
to suffer more than others.

Some suffer for their own faults—others for
those of their parents.

The sins of the fathers are visited upon the
children ; this is one of the fundamental laws
of God.

The parental virtues make smooth the paths
of the children.

*Father, let me suffer for my faults, pity my
poor innocent children. Oh, let me not be the
means of adding to the misery of man. Let
me bear my own burden.*

ONE soweth and another reapeth.

Do not be cast down if you live not to see
the harvest; sow the good seed, some one will
reap.

Do the work which lays ready to thy hand.
God giveth the increase, sooner or later.
It is not given to all to gather in the harvest.

*Thy saints have sown,
In days long past,
And followed in Jesus' steps,
And I am willing to sow again
Or gather the harvest in.
The labour that comes to my hands
I am ready, Lord, to do,
Let my life be used for Thee
So that it serve Thy ends.*

AND he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed.

How necessary is it to commune alone with your own soul, in the presence of God.

Jesus was accustomed to withdraw Himself not only from the people, but from His disciples for self commune, and for prayer.

Where God's works are, there is God—in the wilderness, as in the fields and gardens.

Jesus, my Master and Teacher, I will imitate Thee. Let me withdraw myself from the world, and commune with God.

God be merciful to me a sinner, indue me with strength to resist the temptations which surround me, and to which I am weak and yielding.

I CAME not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

They that are whole need not a physician : but they that are sick.

Yet are the righteous sick at times, and require the aid of the physician of the soul.

There is no man so pure and so good as not to sin at times ; Jesus then calls him to repentance.

Thou callest me oft, and I repent. I am a sinner, I would do what is right, my spirit is willing but my flesh is weak. God, give me strength to resist. Let me keep my mind fixed upon the teaching of my Master, let me imitate Thee, O Jesus, my Guide and my Friend. Thou hast called me oft ; I am a sinner, and I repent me of the sin.

BUT thine eat and drink.

Asceticism by starving the body renders the mind morbid.

The body should be well fed that the mind may be healthy.

The body should not be over fed or injudiciously fed, as the mind will sympathise and become lusty and lustful.

The condition of the mind depends much upon the condition of the body.

The spirit of God in man dwells with the mind, in the body.

Oh, my God, I am but a man, I am too fond of good living: what a degrading vice is this! The very animals know when they have had enough. I will be moderate, and eat and drink only to nourish my body. God, aid me with Thy Spirit within me.

INASMUCH as ye have done it unto
one of the least of these my brethren,
ye have done it unto me.

As Jesus is the representative man, so if you
do good to His fellow man, you do good to
Him.

He has bid you heal the sick, feed the hungry,
clothe the naked. These do in remembrance of
Him.

Jesus sympathised always with the poor, the
needy, the sick, and the sinner.

*Jesus, Thy Son, O God, has left us, but Thy
Spirit, which filled him, and of which I also have
a share, is always with us; let me obey his com-
mands; I will aid my brethren in their troubles
and difficulties, and so do it for Thee.*

IS it lawful on the sabbath day to do good, or to do evil? To save life, or to destroy it?

The body and mind of man require a periodical rest: one day in seven is set apart for that rest.

But if your neighbour require help on that day, it is good and right to assist him, even at the expense of your own labour.

I am too ready to indulge in rest, let me take up some good work, let me do good, let me also save life. Jesus, my Master and Teacher, You were always ready to do some good work on the Sabbath Day: let me do likewise.

I can teach, if I have no other gift, let me speak to the ignorant of Jesus.

FOR ye have the poor always with you,
but me ye have not always.

This woman performed an act of love, and
Jesus, recognising the affection in her heart,
would not allow her to be rebuked.

He placed love before all the virtues.

He was the incarnation of love.

Love leads to mercy and charity.

*I love Thee, oh, my God,
For Thou hast given me life ;
I love Thee, Master, Guide,
And I will follow Thee.
I love thee, dear ones all,
God's good gifts to me,
I love thee, fellow man,
My neighbour in this world.*

HE went out into a mountain to pray,
and continued all night in prayer
to God.

Where God is to be found, there seek Him.
He is in His works, in the mountains, in the
wilderness.

Where nature is, there is God.

Jesus communed with His own soul, and con-
tinued all night in prayer : He received spiritual
strength.

*O God, maker of the universe and of me, I
will also commune with my own soul, and then
will Thou be present.*

*Let my soul grow and expand, and fill my
whole body with Thy presence. I will pray all
night to my Lord my God.*

BLESSED are the poor in spirit, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the humble and lowly minded.

The kingdom of heaven and of God, in contradistinction to the kingdom of man.

The spiritual and eternal kingdom, in contradistinction to the changing and decaying kingdoms of the world.

Of what should I be proud? What am I in Thy sight? The creature of Thy hand, an atom of Thy creation. I am but an infinitesimal portion in Thy great scheme. Aid me to do the work apportioned to me, well, and I shall enter Thy kingdom a humble servant of Thy will.

BLESSED are they that mourn, for
they shall be comforted.

They who sincerely sorrow for their sins shall receive comfort.

They who accept sorrows and affliction with resignation, believing that such troubles are for their good, shall be comforted.

He who mourns receives instruction ; he communicates with his soul, and with God.

My God, how weak is human nature ; give me strength to bear up against the afflictions that necessarily accompany life.

All men must die, and those left mourn their loss, but if they believe that the words of Jesus are true, they shall be comforted. I imitate Thee, I am comforted.

BLESSED are the meek, for they shall
inherit the earth.

The race is not always to the swift, nor the
victory to the strong.

Be ye not puffed up.

The greatest earthly blessing is a contented
mind, a peaceful, happy disposition.

A contented, happy disposition leads to
length of life.

*The meek! the humble! the lowly in spirit!
of what should man be proud? What is he in
Thy sight? The creature of Thy hand, doing
Thy will in his position, having a little brief
authority.*

*Oh, God, forgive my pride of heart, before Thee
I am nought; let me fulfil my duty.*

BLESSED are they which do hunger
and thirst after righteousness, for
they shall be filled.

Blessed are they which desire to do what is
right.

To subject the body, to improve the mind, to
increase the spirit.

He that seeks with diligence shall find.

*I am eager for knowledge ;
Fill me with Thy wisdom.
I hunger and thirst after righteousness.
My God, thou knowest my heart,
Aid me with Thy Spirit.
Fill my mind with learning,
Bless Thy Spirit within me,
And may the peace of God,
Which passeth all understanding,
Be my portion, my Lord and my God.*

BLESSED are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Mercy, how beautiful is mercy.

As you are strong, so be merciful.

It helpeth him that gives, and him that takes, it becomes the throned monarch better than his crown.

All men, at times, require mercy at the hands of others.

Be ye merciful, therefore, and ye shall obtain mercy.

My God, thou who hast made me and all mankind, in Thy infinite wisdom, art just to Thy creatures; but the Man Jesus has instructed His fellow man to be merciful; let me imitate Him, and show mercy to those who need it at my hands, and then shall I claim it from others in my turn.

BLESSED are the pure in heart, for
they shall see God.

An honest man is God's noblest work, his
heart is pure.

He only can see God, who can understand
Him.

His heart is pure, who is humble, virtuous,
honest, and merciful.

*My Father and my God, aid me with Thy
Spirit, that my heart may be pure. This is my
constant prayer—give me strength to combat with
my desires, guide me in the right way, then shall
I see God, and dwell with him in everlasting life.*

*I would be pure in heart,
That I might see my God,
And mercy show to man
That Thou mayest show to me.*

BLESSED are the peacemakers, for
they shall be called the children of
God.

The peace of God which passeth understanding.
Peace, rest.

They shall inherit a peaceful conscience, and
be the true children of God.

As man progresses in intelligence, he will see
the blessedness of peace.

*How beautiful is peace: nature flourishes, man
prosperes, and all things good develop during
peace. I will, with all my power, help to be a
peacemaker, then shall I also be a child of God.
Give me grace to preserve peace in my own heart
and in the hearts of those around me.*

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BLESSED are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who bear with courage and patience the wrongful attacks of the worldly, and endure unto the end.

Great is truth, and it will prevail.

There is no greater honour to a man than to suffer for the sake of what he conscientiously believes to be righteous.

To be one of Thy servants in the kingdom of heaven, to do Thy bidding, surely no lot can be so beautiful, so desirable.

Yes, if called upon, I will undergo persecution in the cause of right, I will help unto the kingdom of heaven.

YE are the salt of the earth.

A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Ye who recognise the truth, be ye teachers.

Let each one be a centre of health and purity,
and preserve those who come in contact with
them from moral putrefaction.

Purify—preserve.

*Oh, that I might be of the salt of the earth, that
I might be the means of purifying those with
whom I come in contact. With the aid of Thy
Spirit within me I will be one of these.*

*My Father and God, aid me to be of use to my
neighbour.*

YE are the light of the world.

Knowledge of the truth is light.

Light is given unto few.

Ye that have it, remember it is a Divine gift.

Let your light so shine before men, that it
may be seen of them.

Hide not your light under a bushel.

If I am chosen to spread light, aid my efforts.

*If my light be not from Thee, let it go out. I
would not lead one person astray.*

*God grant that the light of the world may
shine abroad and enlighten every dark corner.*

*The time has arrived when men's minds are
prepared to receive the truth.*

LET your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works.

It is the duty of the enlightened to shed their light on others.

Set your light on a hill, so that it may shine far and wide.

By the aid of light, good work can be produced.

Those who have the light should shine in their works.

By their fruits shall ye know them.

*Are my works good works? Thou knowest.
Let my light so shine before men that they may
see that my work is good.*

*If my light be not a good light and a pure,
leading men to do good work, may it be darkened;
but if it be pure, make it shine far and wide.*

I AM the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth in me shall never thirst.

He who is imbued with the Spirit of Jesus is enabled to bear with fortitude all worldly trouble.

The cares of the world do not exist to the true followers of Jesus.

The duty which lies to hand absorbs their attention, and faith in God prevents all fear for the future.

I have a soul hungry and thirsty for knowledge, and Thou hast filled me with good things. The teaching of Jesus has satisfied me, and I would imitate His life. Let me be merciful and charitable to others—teach the ignorant, heal the sick, and aid the helpless.

THINK not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

To explain that which is obscure, to advantage, by the knowledge acquired since, to carry out the original design, to improve, to perfect, to fulfil.

Knowledge accumulates; each worker adds to the stock.

Jesus finding the world advanced in knowledge, ready to receive his new doctrine, preached Love—Mercy—Charity.

Oh, my God, let me also help to fulfil.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in men's minds as in Thy works.

TILL heaven and earth pass, one jot,
or one tittle shall in nowise pass from
the law, till all be fulfilled.

The law of God is immutable, it is written
in His works from all time, until eternity.

Interpretation faileth from want of know-
ledge.

As wisdom increases, so do men understand
His laws, and their fulfilment.

Happy is he who can recognise the truth.

Truth is unchangeable, that which is true to-
day is true for all time.

*Oh, God, let me recognise the truth. Give me
light, so that I may see that which is true; aid
me to distinguish the true from the false.*

WHOSOEVER, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be the least in the kingdom of heaven, but he who shall do and teach them, the same shall be great in the kingdom of heaven.

The laws of God, if broken, bring their punishment with them, but he that teacheth others to break them, let him be accursed.

Be sure that ye interpret the laws of God aright.

By the result shall ye know.

What an awful responsibility. The false teacher is the least in the kingdom of heaven.

Oh, my God, searcher of all hearts, grant that my teaching be true.

SEARCH the scriptures.

Bringing research, knowledge and wisdom to bear upon them, search the Scriptures, written by the wise and by the witnesses.

What think ye of Jesus? Is He not worthy of imitation? Who is like Him? Who has led such a life? Who is such a guide?

Who knows man's heart as He does, the good, and the bad.

Read what is written of Him.

*I will search the Scriptures and my own heart.
I will educate my body and my mind, and I
will fit my spirit to come to Thee.*

*Give me grace to interpret Thy laws, written
by Thine own Hand in the great Book open to all
men. I will search Thy Scriptures till I have
found Thee, my God.*

EXCEPT your righteousness shall exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Do not accept your doctrine from the paid servants of Religion (Scribes), or from any special sect (Pharisees). Study for yourself, if you have the capacity.

By the Spirit of God within you, shall you judge.

God, Almighty Father of all men, aid me to study Thy laws by the light of reason, let me be able to recognise the truth, and avoid that which is false.

Love, Mercy and Charity, these are the fruits of the truth.

YE have heard that it was said by them
of old time, Thou shalt not kill,
and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger
of the judgment.

But I say unto you that whosoever is
angry with his brother without a cause,
shall be in danger of the judgment.

There are crimes which are unrecognised and
unpunished, by the law of man, which are
equal in wickedness in the sight of God.

To be angry, so as to wish the death of
anyone, is a crime, although unrecognised by
man.

Anger nursed in the bosom is one of the
first steps to crime.

*God, give me strength to cast out all such
unworthy feelings, then shall I be justified of
Thy law.*

IF thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there remember that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift. —

Be not a hypocrite.

Thy gift at the altar will not cleanse thy soul from a fault of which thou hast not repented.

Think not to bribe God.

Let thy soul be pure in thy own sight, before thou canst offer it up to God.

My Father and God, Thou who knowest the heart of man, cleanse my soul from all hatred and malice.

Let me obey the law of Jesus, and love my neighbour as myself.

THOU shalt not commit adultery, but I
say unto you that whosoever looketh
on a woman to lust after her, hath com-
mitted adultery already in his heart.

It is not so much the effect upon the body
by the act, as the defilement of the mind by
the desire.

Give not reins to the imagination, keep
thy passions under control.

Veil thy eyes if thou art tempted over much.

*Thou hast implanted in my being a desire
for the other sex, Oh, my Father, aid me to
keep such desire under proper control, and
allow its gratification only within lawful
bounds.*

AND if thine eye cause thee to offend,
pluck it out.

Thy passions must be subdued at any sacrifice.
The eye of desire is a frequent cause of offence,
it must be kept in check at any cost.

Subdue it at once, and habit will effect the
rest.

*My senses are Thy precious gifts, enabling
me to communicate with all Thy beautiful
creations surrounding me, and I am grateful
to Thee for Thy goodness to me.*

*Oh, God, my Maker, aid me to keep the
desires excited by my senses within proper
limits, let me enjoy the beauties of Thy works,
without injury to others or myself.*

AND if thy hand be a cause of offence,
cut it off.

The hand of violence, the animal and brutal nature of man must be subdued.

The hand of vengeance is not to be used by man : vengeance is Mine, saith the Lord.

Man is moving upwards working out the beast, crushing the tiger and ape in his nature.

Oh, God, my Maker, Thou who hast implanted in my nature many of the qualities of the lower animals, and hast at the same time ordained that they shall be removed, give me grace that I may so control their desires, that they may be dedicated to Thy service, and magnify Thy Spirit that is within me.

WHOEVER shall put away his wife,
saving for the cause of fornication,
causeth her to commit adultery.

Woman is beautiful in her sex.

She is delicate and refined, at the same time
weaker than man.

She must be treated with kindness, forbearance and firmness.

She is changeable and variable in her moods,
and must not be lightly discarded for faults of
uncertainty of temper.

*Oh, God, my Maker, aid me to subdue my
temper, let me be of a loving and affectionate
nature, then shall I not be a cause of offence;
let me be kind, generous and forbearing, slow
to wrath, and forgiving.*

BUT I say unto you, swear not at all.

But let your communication be yea,
yea ; nay, nay.

Let thy word be better than thy bond.

God is a witness to thy lightest statement,
why call upon Him to witness thy oaths?

God is ever with thee, His Spirit is within
thee ; be just to thyself and you must be true
to thy neighbour.

*Oh, God, I am always calling upon Thee,
Thou art ever in my thoughts. I do nothing
without Thy knowledge, I am ever within Thy
presence, and Thou foldest me in Thy arms.
Thou knowest my secret thought. I cannot be
untrue to Thee.*

RESIST not evil, give to him that asketh thee; and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

These commands are the logical results of the doctrine preached by Jesus, and although the World is not yet (A.D. 1883) prepared to obey them, yet the time will come when they will be accepted.

How can I, in my endeavours to imitate Christ, follow this injunction? If I were to do so, I myself should soon become a beggar in my turn. I acknowledge the beauty of the command. Lord, give light to my eyes, that I may see how to obey this beautiful and truly grand injunction.

Lord, I believe; pardon my unbelief.

LOVE your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.

God is the judge, and He will punish those who disobey His laws.

Vengeance is Mine, saith the Lord.

Those who persecute, do so from ignorance: the followers of Christ should pray for their enlightenment.

Many are incapable, from hereditary causes and from bad education, to understand the teaching of Jesus. Pity them.

My Father and Maker, increase Thy Spirit within me, enable me to see the beauty of this doctrine, and give me strength to carry it out in spite of my nature rebelling.

TAKE heed that ye do not your alms
before men, to be seen of them.

Do not obtain credit from your neighbours by
your charities.

Do good by stealth, it will enlarge your soul.

It is more blessed to give than to receive,
and the ungrudging donor derives more pleasure
in giving than the recipient in receiving.

Seek out the deserving, the sick, and the
helpless, thy reward will be in the knowledge
that you are imitating Him whom you love, and
are benefitting your fellow man.

*Help my soul to be charitable without ostenta-
tion, let me give to assist others, and not to obtain
praise for myself. I expect no return.*

WHEN thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy father which is in secret.

Be not as the hypocrites who love to pray in public, that they may be seen of men, doubtless they have their reward.

Pray in thy heart, in thy mind, and in thy soul, be ever in communion with God thy maker.

If thou art pure in spirit, thy body will be conquered.

Wrestle with thy passions, and they will succumb.

Oh, God, my Father, Thou who art always with me, and around me, and with whom I am ever in communion, I pray to Thee every hour of the day, increase Thy spirit within me.

WHEN ye pray, use not vain repetitions,
for your father knoweth what things
ye have need of before ye ask him.

God be merciful unto me a sinner.

Man knoweth not what is for his good.

That which he desireth is but too often to his
injury.

Man is blind, he cannot see what is for his
good.

He who God loveth, He chasteneth.

Troubles are often blessings in disguise.

Pray only for your soul's welfare.

Commune with God, and leave the rest to Him.

*God, my Father, give me only such things as
are good in Thy sight.*

*Thou hast made Thy laws from all time, and
that which is for the good of Thy creatures, will
take place. What am I that Thou shouldst
consider me? Thy will be done.*

AFTER this manner therefore pray ye :
Our father, which art in heaven.

Heaven, the abode of God—The Universe.

Where God is, there is heaven.

God is the Creator, the Ruling Power, the
Law Giver.

God is the Father of man.

God, having implanted in each man His
Holy Spirit, a portion of Himself, is ever in
communion with him.

First, then, acknowledge this communion with
God.

A holy spirit, common to God and man.

*Oh, God, Almighty Father of all men, grant
that Thy poor child, the work of Thy hands, may
so live up to Thy laws as to join Thee in Thy
kingdom in heaven.*

THY kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as in heaven.

As the earth is in progress of change, so are its inhabitants.

Man is progressive and advancing.

All men will be in thorough communion with God, as only are a few at present.

Thy kingdom will come when man has thrown off the nature of the beast, which cumbars him, and Thy Holy Spirit fills his body full of Light.

Oh, Father, let me be one of those who, by imitating Jesus, shall hasten the coming of Thy kingdom upon earth ; let me be of the chosen.

I am in Thy hands, give me spiritual strength to battle with the world.

GIVE us day by day our daily bread.

Aid us to obtain that which is necessary to our bodily welfare.

Give us bodily and mental strength to labour to earn sufficient for our daily wants.

Without our daily bread we cannot live.

The mind of man becomes weakened under great privation and trouble.

He is not the same man when cast down by worldly and bodily troubles.

Man is but a poor weak creature.

Oh, Father, let me not have to strive too much for my temporal welfare; let me have time to devote to mental culture and spiritual progress. Give us, day by day, our daily bread.

AND forgive us our debts, as we forgive
our debtors.

And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive
everyone that is indebted to us.

Forgive us our trespasses against Thee, as
we forgive them that trespass against us.

God is a God of justice: if we obey His
laws, we go free.

If we, wilfully, or through ignorance break
His laws, we are punished.

God is no respecter of persons: He maketh
the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and
sendeth His rain to the unjust as to the just.

*Thou knowest I forgive those who are unable to
pay me what they owe, and they that trespass
against me I pardon. Increase in me the Spirit
that was in Jesus, that I may feel a pleasure in
so doing, and not as now—a duty.*

AND lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.

Every man is tempted according to his temperament.

The flesh is an ever cause of temptation.

That which is a temptation to one, may not be so to another.

Every man is surrounded by temptation. Where the senses are active temptations increase and multiply.

Be not too severe to those who yield to temptation.

My God, Thou hast made me man, Thou hast given me my body, and hast blessed me with many senses; Thou hast placed Thy Holy Spirit within me. My spirit is ever willing to obey Thy laws, but the flesh is weak. Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil.

LAY not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

The treasures of the earth pander to the body and clog the soul.

Who can foresee what will become of his treasures, and for whom he has laid them up?

A contented mind is a continual feast.

The treasures laid up in heaven improve the soul and are lasting riches indeed.

Let me imitate Jesus; let me not be desirous of accumulating wealth. What I have, aid me to use for the benefit of others. I will lay up treasure in heaven by communion with Thee, my Lord and my God.

THE light of the body is the eye; if,
therefore, thine eye be single the
whole body shall be full of light.

If thy mind be pure, that which thy eyes see
will be pure.

To the pure all things are pure.

To the impure, all that is seen is converted
to impurity.

Let thy senses be used to enjoy the beautiful
and the pure.

Nothing that God has made is impure of itself.

The temple of God can be put to impure
purposes.

*Thou hast endowed me with sight, let me use
Thy gifts to fill my mind with knowledge, fit food
for Thy Spirit which Thou hast given me. Let
me be able to distinguish that which is beautiful
and good from that which is evil.*

BUT if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness.

If, therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness.

If thy mind be impure, all that thou seest is tainted with impurity.

The animal nature of many exceeds the spiritual.

Education and good example can eradicate this condition.

As men progress in civilization, the animal nature dies out by degrees.

Oh, God, Thou hast made me what I am, increase Thy Spirit within me, and give me strength to subdue the flesh with which I am burdened. Pity the creature of Thy hand, and aid me in the great fight.

YE cannot serve God and mammon.

Mammon, the god of the worldly.

As man exists in the world and amongst other men, he must protect himself and those dependent upon him ; but he should not become a slave to the world.

Let him serve God, and Mammon serve him.

What am I in Thy sight? One among so many. I look around, and behold there are thousands, aye millions ; and I am but one of them.

I would serve Thee with my whole heart, yet have I to combat with the world. Give me strength to fight the good fight, sustain me to the end, my Lord, my Father, and my God.

BE not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink ; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on.

Being dependent for food and clothing upon your own exertions, it is necessary to labour for them ; be not over anxious for success ; work, having faith in God, and he will bless your righteous efforts.

God helps those who help themselves.

The weak go to the wall.

My first duty is to my spiritual nature, my connection with my God. My bodily welfare comes next. Let me, therefore, not be anxious as to what I shall eat, or what I shall drink, or how to adorn my body. Let me be good to my neighbour and worship Thee.

BUT seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness ; and all these
things shall be added to you.

Seek first to understand the will of God, study
His laws and obey them ; then, and then only,
can ye enjoy the good things of this world.

The gifts of Mammon are but snares to those
who do not use them with judgment.

He who has subdued himself and his desires,
is fit to combat with the world, and able to
enjoy it.

*Oh, God, I will serve Thee in spirit and in
truth, whilst my life lasts. I will glory in Thy
name, and when I am called upon to render it
to its giver, I will do so, trusting that my soul
may enter Thy kingdom in heaven.*

SUFFICIENT unto the day is the evil thereof.

Do not anticipate troubles, let each day bear its own burden ; joy may come with the morning.

Man is born to troubles, but if he meets them bravely and battles with them one by one, they pass on, leaving him strengthened by the struggle.

No man knoweth what the day may bring forth—that which he anticipates comes not, the unexpected takes place.

*Thou knowest how oft I have been cast down.
I no longer fear evil—my trust is in Thee. It
is easy to endure when supported by Thy hand ;
my soul soars above, and evil lies beneath.
Multiply Thy Spirit within me.*

JUDGE not, that ye be not judged. For
with what judgment ye judge, ye
shall be judged, and with what measure ye
mete it shall be measured to you again.

Be charitable to all men.

As ye act by others, so will they act by you.

A soft answer turneth away wrath.

Love begets love.

All men are liable to err ; you may be guilty
to-morrow of the crime you judge to-day.

*Thou knowest I judge no man ; judgment is
Thy attribute alone. Thou, who knowest the
heart of man, can judge the motives as well as
the actions ; man is blind.*

*Oh, my God, judge me according to my
spiritual nature ; pity my bodily weakness.*

AND why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Thou seest the small fault committed by thy brother, but takest no notice of thine own much larger one.

It is easy to see the faults of others; difficult to correct our own.

Judge not, that ye be not judged.

How oft do I battle with this fault ; how easy to behold that of my brother, how difficult to recognise my own. Or, even if I do, I can find excuses for myself in the surrounding circumstances, or in the actions of others, which render my error venial.

Oh, my Father, aid me in self-communion ; let me search my soul, and correct my own evil nature.

THOU hypocrite, first cast out the beam
out of thine own eye ; and then shalt
thou see clearly to cast out the mote out
of thy brother's eye.

He that studieth his own nature and acknowledged his own faults and corrects them, is in a fit condition to admonish and advise his brethren as to their failings.

It is humiliating to be told that you are guilty of the same fault for which you are admonishing another.

Let him that is without sin cast the first stone.

Oh, Lord; Thou knowest how I struggle with my nature not to condemn others, and to recognise my own faults ; give me strength to first cast out the beam in mine own eye.

ASK, and it shall be given unto you ;
seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and
it shall be opened unto you.

There is no greater truth than that the honest seeker will find, perhaps requiring much labour and after many days. But God yieldeth up His secrets to those who diligently enquireth of Him.

Ye must ask oft and pertinently, ye must seek diligently and widely, and ye must knock loudly and long.

*Dear Father, I pray daily that I may know
Thy will ; open my eyes that I may see clearly ;
yield to me the truth. I have sought diligently,
Thou only knowest whether I have found. I
have knocked : is it the door of eternal life Thou
hast opened to me ?*

WHAT man is there of you whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him?

If poor weak human nature can give good gifts to those it has brought into the world, how much more shall the Father, the Creator of all, give to those He has called into existence, by the power of His will.

Oh, God, my Maker, I have asked of Thee good gifts—those that Thou hast given me, may they be blessed to me; may the fruit of my labours be to Thy glory, and hasten the coming of Thy kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

BEWARE of false teachers.

Ye shall know them by their fruits.

However specious may be the doctrine of false teachers, if they do not act up to them their doctrines are false.

Be not deceived, wisdom is justified of her children.

Imitate Jesus, study what is known of His life, and you will see that His doctrine is true.

Oh, God, my Maker and Father, Thou hast given to us, Thy later children, a sure guide.

We have the teaching of Christ, Thy chosen One, Jesus the Saviour, we have His life to follow, and the fruits of that life; surely we can have no fear of false teachers. Give me grace to imitate Him.

EVERY good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

A pure doctrine leads to purity.

Preach, but practise also.

Beware of the cloak of the hypocrite; it is put on to hide the corruption beneath.

Look to the results, and judge by them.

What fruits do I bear? Am I a good tree? Do I bring forth good fruit? Are those with whom I come in contact the better for it? It is my desire that it may be so.

I cultivate the tree, I prune it, I nourish it with the best. Oh, God, give the increase, good and abundant.

NOT every one that saith, Lord, Lord,
shall enter into the kingdom of
heaven; but he that doeth the will of my
Father which is in heaven.

Professions of faith are of no avail.

Long prayers are fruitless.

Obey God's laws.

Follow and imitate the life of Jesus.

Be merciful.

Be loving and truthful.

Be charitable.

Then shall ye enter into the kingdom of
heaven.

*Let me not be one of those who say "Lord,
Lord." I aim to do Thy will; I strive to imitate
Jesus. I wrestle with my own faults; I do good
to my neighbour. I would be an acceptable
servant in Thy sight.*

WHOEVER heareth these sayings and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

All doctrine should be founded upon God's immutable laws.

He that knoweth the law, and abideth by the law, cannot be punished by the law.

Is my house built upon a rock? I have given my whole mind to the interpretation of Thy laws. Jesus is my guide; I endeavour to imitate Him. Thou only knowest my heart, and whether it is true. I am in Thy hands, my Father and my God.

BUT he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that built his house upon the sand, and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell.

He that heareth and doeth not hath no law ; he has no power of resistance ; when temptation cometh, he yields—punishment following.

Let your faith be based upon what you believe to be true : then is your house built upon a rock.

I believe in God, my Father and Maker, the Creator of the universe.

I believe that Jesus, Thy Christ, is the teacher whose doctrine is true, and whose life is worthy of imitation. I believe that the spirit within me is from Thee, and will return to Thee. Behold my rock !

FOR he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Jesus believed in Himself, and knew that His doctrine was true, and therefore taught with authority. But the Scribes (paid teachers) taught only as they had been taught, without firm belief or enthusiasm, and the people heard, but heeded not. Study the great unwritten laws of God, that ye may know the truth.

Jesus taught with authority, and I believe that His doctrine is true. His life was one of purity, virtue, charity, and mercy; and I will do my best to imitate it.

Oh, God, the Father of Jesus and of all men, Thou who hast chosen Him as our guide, let me, Thy son also, imitate Him, that I may be worthy to enter Thy eternal kingdom.

AND blessed is he who shall not be
offended in me.

That man is blessed indeed who comprehends the mission of Jesus—he who can separate the wheat from the chaff, he who can strip off the coating of ignorance which has disguised the beauty of the work beneath.

He is blessed who is not offended in Jesus. Of all men, Jesus is the one who has suffered the most from the hands of his friends and followers.

Thou knowest my heart, O God; I am a follower of Jesus.

Offended in Him! Who could find offence in so pure, so good a life—in such teaching? Even His judges could find no offence in this just man.

THE Son of Man is come, eating and drinking.

Eat and drink in moderation, so that your body may be nourished and strengthened.

Eat only of such things as agree with you.

Drink only that which nourisheth. Beware the poison alcohol, which destroyeth a man, body and soul.

Be not singular in your eating or drinking, so as to cause offence to others.

The lusts of the flesh are a stumbling block to the better life. My God, give me strength to resist the temptation of gluttony, and save me from drink, that which destroys the bodies and souls of legions of Thy people, and drags them to destruction (A.D. 1883).

BUT wisdom is justified of all her children.

Wisdom being the child of knowledge and experience ; and as the knowledge and experience of one man differs from that of another, also the knowledge and experience to be obtained during one period is quite different to that of another. So wisdom has many children of different ages, and is justified of them all.

My God, my Father, I have sought wisdom at Thy hands ; I have searched Thy great book of nature. Thou alone knowest whether I have read it aright. Am I one of Thy children justified ? Oh, Lord, lighten my darkness, give me light—more light.

FOR she loved much.

As the attribute of God is Justice, so is that of man Love.

Love is the highest privilege of life.

To love is to live.

Love begets love.

For she loved much, therefore are her sins forgiven.

A loving heart is a beautiful possession.

Jesus was the incarnation of love in its purity.

Thou knowest, oh, my God, that my life has been one of love. I have inculcated love always; I have endeavoured to rule by love. Increase love in my heart, and let me imitate Him whose love was so great that He laid down His life for man.

HE went through every city and village,
preaching and shewing the glad
tidings of the kingdom of God.

Be sure that ye have the truth, then shall ye
preach the glad tidings of the kingdom of God.
If ye have the truth, then can ye be a witness to
the glad tidings by the love ye bear to man.
Glad tidings maketh a glad heart.

Be ye glad alway.

Do not preach without ye can ; also show the
glad tidings.

*Cheerfulness is a sign of the acceptance of the
glad tidings. I would be glad ; increase in my
heart Thy everlasting peace and gladness. Let
me preach glad tidings to others.*

UNTO you it is given to know the
mysteries of the kingdom of God.

It is not given to all to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God. To those to whom God has given capacity the knowledge of the mysteries comes by wisdom; to those who have not capacity it comes by faith—faith in the all-knowledge and power and wisdom of God.

Lord, I believe; pardon my unbelief. I have faith in Thee, but not the capacity to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

If it be given to me to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, let me enlighten others.

I will preach the glad tidings; bless my teaching of God to Thy service.

FOR nothing is secret that shall not be made manifest.

From the brain to the tongue is but a short distance.

What is hidden by one is found by another.

The mind of man is seldom capable of hiding the secrets of the heart. Most men are desirous of unburdening their consciences to someone.

Every action comes to light in time.

God, grant that I may commit no act of which I am ashamed, or that I may be desirous of keeping secret. Thou knowest my actions, and I know them, and to no other person can they be of so much importance. Lord, keep my conscience void of offence to all men. I pray to be true to myself.

WHOSOEVER hath, to him shall be
given.

To those who labour to acquire knowledge, the power is given to recognise and adopt much of value, which others pass by.

To those who labour to acquire riches, wealth comes from all quarters.

To those who seek virtue, habit renders the task easy.

Give me that which is good for me in this world, and which will enable me to live a virtuous life, good for myself, and beneficial to those dependent upon me. Magnify Thy Spirit within me, that I may return it to Thee at my death, and remain with Thee in Thy kingdom.

WHOSOEVER hath not, from him
shall be taken even that which he
hath.

Those who are careless of their possessions
soon lose that which they have.

To attain knowledge, riches, or virtue, labour
is necessary.

To retain them, care and watching is necessary.

It is more easy to squander and waste than
to gather and keep.

*All that I have, I have obtained from Thee.
Give me such things as are good for me ; take
away that which injures either my body or my
soul. A contented mind and a happy disposition
are of more value than much possessions.*

MY mother and my brethren are those
which hear the Word of God, and
do it.

It is not always those that are nearest that
are dearest.

Sympathy is the great bond of friendship.

A disciple is not always found in the bosom
of one's family.

Those who do My bidding are My brethren.

Cast your seed near and far, and some will
fall upon good ground, and bear a hundredfold.

*Oh, my Father, I am also of Thy family; I
have heard Thy word, I have endeavoured to
understand it, and I do what I can to obey Thy
commands. Let me be of the brethren of Jesus.*

WHERE is your faith?

The weak follow the strong as long as success is achieved, but fall away in case of a check.

The faith of the weak yields to adversity.

Even the strong, if their belief is not based upon reason, waver in bad times.

If your house is built upon a rock, neither the winds nor the floods can destroy it.

Where is my faith?

Lord, I believe, pardon my unbelief.

In times of sorrow and of trouble I ask, "Where is my faith?" If my love cannot resist a strain, what is its value? It is but a shallow pretence. Strengthen my faith; let me suffer and be strong.

WHO touched me?

Somebody hath touched me : for I perceive that virtue hath gone out of me.

Virtue.—Knowledge is progressive.

This question of virtue (force) is now under examination.

That some have the power of transmitting a force (not yet defined, or understood), producing an effect upon others, is undoubted.

Jesus here acknowledges His possession of such a power.

Oh, my God, Thou hast touched me ; virtue has come to me ; give me grace to advantage by Thy gift. Oh, that others may also receive the gift, pray diligently, study Thy laws, imitate Christ ; and peace will come unto you.

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DAUGHTER, be of good comfort ; thy
faith hath made thee whole.

That confidence on the part of the sick person, in the ability of the healer, is of the greatest aid to the cure, is undoubted.

Thy belief in My power hath enabled Me to cure thee.

Hadst thou not believed, thou wouldst not have touched Me.

Thy cure is a reward, and a result of thy faith.

Thou knowest I believe, and I feel that I have been cured. God grant that I may continue to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, however far behind, to the end. Give me strength to fight the good fight ; life is a daily struggle.

WEEP not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.

Sleep—death.

Ye do not weep when your child sleepeth, will he not awake, refreshed in a few short hours?

Why do you weep when he dies?

Will he not wake to a new life?

Where is your faith?

Thou in Thy wisdom hath taken him away from us. He sleeps the sleep of death—how beautiful! He will not awaken in this world; his troubles are over.

Why do ye mourn? For him? No; he is at peace. For those who have lost him? Yes. Let us seek comfort where it is to be found. Where is your faith?

THEN he called his disciples together,
and gave them power over all devils,
and to cure diseases.

Devils—unclean spirits.

The desires created in the mind by the flesh,
carried to excess and yielded to, become sinful ;
in excess, and ungratified, lead to insanity.

Possessed of devils—insane.

A powerful and pure mind can control a weak
body and keep it clean.

*Oh, Lord, I would be pure ; aid me to be so.
Help me to cast out all unclean spirits from my
body ; let my soul dwell within a wholesome
habitation, that I may worship Thee in spirit
and in truth.*

I AM the good shepherd; the good
shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
The hireling fleeth because he is a hireling,
and careth not for the sheep.
My sheep hear my voice.

If the shepherd be a good shepherd and devotes his life to the sheep, it is fit that the sheep should hear his voice.

The hireling is but a paid servant, and saveth his own life in case of trouble.

*Jesus is the Good Shepherd,
He gave His life for the sheep.
I am one of the flock;
I hear His voice.
Aid me to follow His footsteps;
Enfold me in Thy rest.*

IF I do not the works of my Father,
believe me not.

By their fruits shall ye know them.

All the acts of Jesus, His whole life, was devoted to carry out the will of the Father.

He brought man into communion with God.
Go and do thou likewise.

I believe.

Jesus did the works of the Father.

He is worthy to lead.

I would that I were worthy to follow.

I will study the Word.

I will obey his commands.

*Give strength to my spirit, that I may resist
temptation and be worthy of Thee.*

AND he sent them to preach the Word
of God and to heal the sick.

The ministry of the soul and of the body.

The most honourable callings to which man
can aspire.

A pure mind, in a pure body, should be the
desire of all men.

A pure soul is almost impossible in an impure
body.

*My Father, Thou knowest how desirous I am
to serve Thee; Thou alone knowest how I am
beset by temptations of the flesh and the troubles
of the world. Life is a continual struggle. My
soul will be at peace only when it returns to
Thee, my God.*

AND he received them and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need.

Jesus always associated the welfare of the body with that of the soul.

How is it possible for a man to be Godlike, who is always being reminded of a sickly body—his soul is dragged to earth, chained to a log.

Jesus was the true type of the missionary, the good physician.

I struggle with my infirmities.

My body is full of aches.

I would fly to Thee.

My soul is smothered

By the cares of the world

And its littlenesses.

Oh, my God! my God!

AND the twelve said unto him, Send
the multitude away; but he said
unto them, Give ye them to eat.

Jesus always considered the temporal wants
of His followers.

And they did eat and were all filled.

First see that the body is satisfied; then, and
then only, can the mind receive instruction.

If the body be gnawed with hunger or cold,
how can the mind be attentive to learn.

*I would worship Thee with my soul,
But my body drags me down.
My soul cries out to Thee,
But my flesh is importunate.
My desire is to Thee,
My Father and my God.*

THE Christ of God.

The anointed of God.

The man selected by God able to teach mankind.

The Light of the World.

Jesus the Saviour.

Follow Him, and ye shall have eternal life.

He came to instruct man in the religion of love.

His command—Love thy neighbour as thyself.

*Jesus, brother,
Friend and teacher,
Lead me to our Father's home ;
I who wander
In this pathway,
No longer wish to roam.
Jesus, brother ; Christ anointed,
Saviour of man by God appointed.*

IF any man will follow me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily.

To be a follower of Jesus, it is necessary to be always on the watch, to be prepared to take up his cross daily and hourly—to be constantly denying himself.

A life of abnegation, but not less a life of happiness.

Love your neighbour as yourself, be just and honest in your dealings, live in charity with all men.

Daily Thy Cross is easier to bear. I grow stronger, and the burden appears lighter.

Oh, God, give me strength to struggle to the end. No man knoweth what the day may bring forth. To-morrow I may be worsted in the fight.

FOR what is a man profited if he gain
the whole world and lose his own
soul.

If to gain a great worldly success, it is necessary to fall in your own estimation, what does it profit you?

If to gain something from your neighbour, it is necessary to lie and cheat, what does it profit you?

That man's soul grows less and less, and shrinks within him, who's life is devoted to petty shifts, and miserable huckstering.

My Father and my God, increase Thy Spirit within me; feed it with Thy grace, so that that portion of Thyself which Thou hast granted to me may return to Thee glorified, fit to enter into Thy kingdom.

EXCEPT ye be converted, and become
as little children, ye shall not enter
the kingdom of heaven.

Until you have ceased to be ambitious, and
struggle for worldly honours, and have discovered
the little value of riches, you are not fitted to
enter into God's kingdom.

Be as a little child, full of faith, and love,
and trust.

Trust in God, and do what is right.

*Oh, my Father, Thou who searchest the heart,
Thou knowest how ignorant, how blind is man;
proud of the knowledge he has acquired by
generations of labour, he is puffed up. Enable
me to be as a little child in Thy hands. I know
Thy power, and yield myself to Thy keeping.*

AND whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

Be good to little children, they are so easily made happy.

How imaginative they are, full of perception, beautiful in their trusting affection.

Make little children happy; too soon will they enter the world, and have to struggle for existence; let them be happy whilst they may.

Children are very teachable, guide them in the right path whilst young, and when they grow up they will not stray from it.

Father, receive me as a little child; what am I but a little child guided by Thy hands. Let me imitate Jesus.

FOR he that is least amongst you all,
the same shall be great.

Least in the estimation of the world, the most humble in position, and yet with a spirit capable of seeing God,

The Lord is no respecter of persons.

Do your duty in that state of life, in which it has pleased God to call you; be sure you shall receive your reward.

Be not ambitious of the world's rewards.

The world is essentially ungrateful to those who give it their best service.

Oh, my Father, what is man that Thou shouldst consider him! A toiler in Thy universe, the creature of Thy hand. I will imitate Jesus, that I may enter the kingdom of heaven.

FORBID him not, for he that is not
against us, is for us.

As all men differ in nature, temperament, and character, so do they differ in their way of attaining the same end.

“Forbid him not,” but let him work for good in his way, as you in yours. If he do not work against us, he is for us.

There are many roads to a centre.

There are many workers, and many ways of working.

By their fruits ye shall know them.

Oh, God, Thou knowest I am not jealous of others ; make me humble ; let me be one of the many who imitate Jesus ; let me walk hand in hand with my brother in peace and in truth.

FOR the son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

Jesus always preached the doctrine of mercy.
"Forgive them; they know not what they do."

The more we help and assist our fellow man, the nearer we approach to Him, who came to save all men.

Although He yielded up His own life, He was careful of the lives of others.

Life is the gift of God; it is a Divine privilege to live. I will preserve this Thy gift, and I will devote it to saving that of others. In doing this I am imitating Jesus, who came into the world to save men's bodies and souls.

LET the dead bury their dead ; but go
thou and preach the kingdom of
God.

The dead are dead.

Concern not yourself with the dead ; they are
beyond you, out of your reach—go thou and
minister to the living.

Thy duty is to assist those left behind.

Be good to those that are near thee, and
dependent on thee.

Preserve the memory of the dead deep in
thy heart. Their souls are with God.

*My God, Thou who art the God of the dead as
well as the living, he is in Thy hands. I cherished
him alive ; he is Thine, being dead. His soul is
with Thee, at rest in Thy kingdom.*

HEAL the sick that are therein, and
say unto them, The kingdom of God
is come nigh unto you.

First attend to their temporal wants, then
they will be fit and anxious to listen to your
words of comfort.

The kingdom of God, the eternal life, is come
nigh unto you.

The kingdom of the soul and of God, in
contradistinction to that of the body, and of
the world.

The healing of the sick is a noble calling,
second only to the ministry of the spirit.

*Oh, my Father, Thou hast given unto me ability
to heal the sick, and to my brother to preach the
kingdom of God. Bless our efforts to Thy
service.*

HE that heareth you heareth me, and
he that despiseth you despiseth me,
and he that despiseth me despiseth him
that sent me.

Be sure, therefore, that you understand the doctrine of Jesus before you preach Him, that you be not despised by your hearers.

He that preacheth a false doctrine is under an awful responsibility.

He that preacheth so that the lives of his hearers are improved cannot be despised: he is doing his Master's work.

By their fruits shall ye know them.

I will teach and preach the command of Jesus—Love one another. If they despise me, they will suffer, not I. I believe in Thy words, that they are the words of wisdom.

THOU hast hid these things from the
wise and prudent, and hast revealed
them unto babes.

It is not the worldly wise and prudent who
see God.

The education for the world does not neces-
sarily open the eyes of the soul.

The babes, those who are innocent, may have
a clearer vision.

Man is made up of many qualities ; know-
ledge, although much, is not all.

Those who are prudent in this world are not
necessarily gifted spiritually.

*Oh, God, my Father, it is not my knowledge
or my prudence that has led me to Thee. I
imitate Jesus ; he is my guide, my brother, who
gave his life for the brethren.*

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God,
with all thy heart and with all thy
soul, and with all thy strength, and with
all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thy
self.

Here is the whole duty of man.

He who loves God, follows His laws as interpreted by Jesus, and loves his neighbour as himself, "shall live."

Most men who have lived their span of years discover the wisdom of this command. Teach it to the young.

My Father and my God, I have long recognised this command as a great truth. I firmly believe that by obeying it, true happiness can be attained, and my soul may be made worthy of eternal life.

THOU art careful and troubled about many things ; but one thing is needful.

The education of the soul is the one thing needful.

God has given to every man a portion of his Spirit ; every opportunity should be taken to make it worthy of Him.

Sit, therefore, at the feet of Jesus and hear His Word.

The duties connected with life cannot be dispensed with ; they must be performed ; but be not too careful of them or troubled therewith.

Give me grace and strength to cope with the troubles of the world. One thing is needful : let me be good to those dependent upon me, charitable to all men, and ever watchful of myself.

A HOUSE divided against itself falleth.

Unity is strength.

A household working in unity is a power indeed.

If the parents and children work in harmony, how beautiful is that harmony.

Recognise, therefore, the guiding spirit in a household, and all loyally render faithful support. The family is the unit of strength of a nation: do, therefore, your best to make your own strong and united.

Let my children gather round me, let them add their strength to mine. Let us all aim to do well, then shall our house not fall, but be a centre of good and of strength.

BLESSED are they that learn the word
of God, and keep it.

How few who hear the Word of God, keep it.

It produces a momentary effect, but upon contact with the heat of the world evaporates.

It is only those within whom the Spirit of God has quickened who keep His Word. The worldly do not recognise that the Word is truth, and that to keep the Word it is necessary to be honest and truthful in all their dealings.

I study Thy Word; Jesus is my interpreter, and I endeavour to keep it. Thy laws are written in Thy works. Man is Thy most perfect work. I study man. I hear Thy Word, and I will keep it.

BEHOLD a greater than Solomon is here.

Solomon was a man of great knowledge and wide experience, a wise man; yet behold a greater than Solomon is here.

Listen, then, to the words of wisdom: all who will can learn.

Jesus was a teacher, and "He spoke with authority."

Hear the Word of God, and keep it, and ye shall be blessed indeed.

I have searched the wisdom of the ancients, and behold a greater than Solomon is here.

Jesus knew the heart of man, and has taught us priceless lessons of wisdom. I will obey His command: I will do unto others as I would they should do unto me.

WOE unto you, hypocrites, for ye make
clean the outside of the cup and
of the platter, but within ye are full of
extortion and excess.

Oh, ye hypocrites, who, because ye keep a fair
appearance before your neighbours, therefore do
you consider yourselves justified?

Do not deceive yourself and you will not de-
ceive others.

Be true to yourself and ye must be true to all.

Be pure in your own eyes before God, then are
ye pure indeed.

*Oh, God, keep me from the meanness of hypo-
crisy; let me not try to deceive myself. The
opinion of others is but of little importance.
Aid me to be true to myself. If I imitate Jesus,
I cannot fail.*

YE outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

How many try to deceive themselves by pointing to the respect with which they are held by their neighbours.

No man's character is known to others—**NOT** even by himself.

Know thyself; study thy ways and correct them.

Men even succeed in deceiving themselves.

You cannot deceive God.

Preserve me from the vice of hypocrisy, hateful in Thy sight, oh Lord.

Give me grace to be true and just in all my dealings. It is my desire to follow the teachings of Jesus.

FOR they loved the praise of men more
than the praise of God.

The praise of man is at hand immediate, and easy to obtain. Act with the majority and you have their praise.

The approbation of God, and its reaction upon yourself, is of slow growth.

To retain the praise of man you must, by repeated acts, keep their attention fixed upon you.

To retain that of God be true to yourself.

The praise of man is but of little worth. It comes, it goes, is forgotten. I would be worthy of Thee; Thy praise I acknowledge in my soul, and it knows what is true.

YE are the children of them which killed the prophets.

Do not forget that the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children.

Do not forget that the effects of your own sins may have to be borne by your children.

How bitter is the remorse of the parent who witnesses in the sufferings of his child the punishment of his own sins.

Sin not, that ye may be justified.

Oh, my Father, aid me to keep myself clean in body and in mind, that my children, the fruit of my loins, may not suffer.

I will bow down my soul before Thee, that I may walk upright in my own sight and before men.

YE generation of vipers, how can ye escape damnation?

Although addressed to the Jews, it applies to many of the generations since.

False beliefs, false teachers (vipers) cannot escape damnation.

The condemnation of history is inevitable.

The teaching of the ignorant by those who have ceased themselves to believe in the doctrines or dogmas they preach is a crying evil now.

How can ye escape damnation?

What I teach, that I believe; Thou knowest my heart.

If I misunderstand Thy laws, pardon me; my soul is true to Thee, guide me aright. Oh, my Lord and my God!

BEHOLD I send unto you prophets and wise men and scribes, and some of them ye shall kill and crucify, and persecute from city to city.

The mass of mankind hate progress ; to persecute a teacher is usual.

To remain in the same condition as that of their fathers is the wish of the majority.

The words of the wise permeate but slowly.

A prophet is but as sounding brass to the multitude.

I have searched for wisdom far and near. I have sat at the feet of many teachers. I have separated the grain from the chaff. The bread I offer to my brothers. Will they accept it? If God approves.

FOR as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west ; so shall also the coming of the son of man be.

His coming has shone from east to west, aye, and from north to south ; for eighteen hundred years has He shone as a brilliant light, a beacon unto the peoples, and His Word will gather in strength from generation to generation, until all the world acknowledge the Christ.

Oh, God, the Father of all men, Thou hast chosen the Man Jesus as a Prophet and Teacher to Thy creatures ; grant that Thy Word, through Him, may bring many to the ways of wisdom ; that they may do right in Thy sight, and Thy kingdom may extend over the whole world.

HEAVEN and earth shall pass away,
but my words shall not pass away.

This earth will pass away, but truth cannot pass away.

The words of Jesus are food to the soul.

The soul of man may see God.

Man progresses onwards and upwards; Thy Spirit within him will fill him with light and truth.

I will sing to the Lord, for He has filled my soul with gladness. Soon shall I see my God. I shall stand before Him, and the light of His eyes shall not blind me. For He has magnified His Spirit within me.

FEAR not them which kill the body,
but are not able to kill the soul.

Man can kill the body by violence.

Man, by degrading his brother by bad example
and teaching, can injure the soul.

Man cannot kill the soul.

The soul of man is from God, and is as
eternal as the Giver.

My soul is cast down because of the wickedness of man. There are men who seek to destroy both body and soul. There are men who will slay their brothers in their thousands. There are men who degrade them by drink and false teaching. But the soul of man cannot die.

TAKE heed and beware of covetousness,
for a man's life consisteth not in
the abundance of the things which he
possesseth.

The heaping up of riches is a source of anxiety to him who desireth them; it prevents him studying many things which are of greater importance. It starves the soul.

Riches, although a great power in good hands, will not purchase happiness.

I do not seek for riches. Should wealth come to me, let me employ it to Thy honour.

To teach the young, and save them from sin, are worthy objects. To house and clothe the poor is good. To heal the sick is commendable.

THOU fool, this night thy soul shall be
required of thee; then whose shall
those things be which thou hast provided?

Where are the riches that thou hast heaped
up? That thou hast devoted thy whole life
to acquiring?

Left behind to be used, or misused by others.

That which thou bearest away, thy soul, is
shrunk with contact with the world.

What will it profit thee, if thou gain the whole
world, and lose thine own soul?

*Oh, Lord, keep me from the degrading vice of
covetousness. Why should I gather riches? My
soul is my most precious treasure; let me seek
to prepare it for Thy glory.*

FOR where your treasure is, there will
your heart be also.

That which a man loves most he cleaves to.
See, therefore, that you select a worthy object
for thy desire.

Follow the footsteps of Jesus, imitate Him,
then shall your heart be pure, and your treasure
also.

A man loves that most for which he has the
greatest capacity.

Men differ in their capacities; experience
teaches.

*I lift up my voice to my God ; I will sing a
glad song in his praise, my Father who created
me ; Jesus whose steps I will follow, my Master,
my Teacher, my Saviour.*

*My soul rejoiceth within me. Sing a glad
song ; shout aloud.*

BE ye therefore ready.

Be always prepared to meet thy God.

Some are called early, some late.

Trust in the justice of thy Maker, He is a righteous judge, and seest the heart.

Do thy best in the position in which thou art placed.

Every man serves, and can serve God, some in a lowly position, some in a more lofty one.

All men have not equal gifts.

I will be ever ready to meet my God. Call, and I will answer Thee. I am about Thy work.

My soul sings aloud in my breast, joyful and glad in Thy presence, my Maker, my Lord, and my God.

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God is no respecter of persons.

He that breaks His laws will be punished.

Man should be merciful to the ignorant: Jesus has so commanded.

Be ye merciful.

Expect little from him who knoweth not the Word of God.

My Father and my God, Thou hast called me to a position of trust; there are many dependent upon me; let me teach them and lead them in the path of virtue and godliness; let them learn from me to follow that road which leads to life everlasting.

SUPPOSE ye that I have come to give
peace on earth? I tell ye nay: but
rather division.

Jesus foresaw the results His teaching was
likely to produce amongst men.

Between that which is good in man's nature,
and which is always increasing, and that which
is evil, which is steadily being stamped out.

He foresaw the time it would take for His
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eradicated.

That day has not come when all men shall
be as He.

Let me see the Lord. I will conquer
spirit is strong in Thy

I HAVE a baptism to be baptised with.

Jesus suffered for His teaching.

His death was inevitable.

Every conscientious man suffers in a worldly sense, but he is rewarded by spiritual content.

Be ye therefore steadfast in the faith.

Do not dread the baptism of fire, strength will be given unto you.

Thy soul will be comforted, even as thy body suffers.

Lord, give me strength to imitate my Master, my Teacher, and my Friend—Jesus, who gave up His life for His fellow man, to benefit by His example, and believe that His doctrine was true.

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SUPPOSE ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans because they suffered? I tell you nay.

God is no respecter of persons. These Galileans were present at the sacrifices, and were slaughtered by Pilate, not that they were worse than the rest, but they were there.

The innocent suffer with the guilty, and often for the guilty.

Nature is a hard master, if you obey not her laws.

Nature is ruled by God's laws.

I will obey Thee.

I will flee from amongst the wicked.

Thou shalt not find me with the ungodly.

I will have none of them.

I am Thy servant,

My Lord and my God.

WHEREUNTO shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened.

Leaven, that which is in itself undergoing change, and is capable of communicating its condition to the surrounding medium of a like nature, until the whole mass is leavened.

The leavening of the world by the Word of Christ progresses, and will yet leaven the whole lump, in spite of all difficulties.

Time will show.

I have felt the influence of Thy Spirit. Thy leaven has changed me. Let me influence my neighbours, that they may feel His grace, and become of Thy kingdom.

DEPART from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

Lord Jesus, are we not Thy followers?

We acknowledge Thee, and call ourselves Christians; we attend the worship of God Thou hast inaugurated; we use the prayer called after Thee.

“I know thee not, depart from Me all ye workers of iniquity.”

By their fruits shall ye know them.

My heart is sad because of their teaching: blind leaders of the blind. They rise in high places and speak the words of foolishness. The poor come and beg for bread, and ye give them a stone. Oh, my God, open their eyes that they may see Thee.

BEHOLD there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

There are those who have every opportunity offered them, and yet neglect, and throw away these advantages.

The world is too strong for them, and the flesh is very weak.

There are others, who in spite of every difficulty achieve success.

I thank Thee for health. I thank Thee for strength to struggle and endure. I thank Thee that my spirit has gone through the fire. I thank Thee that my eyes are opened.

Grant me a continuance of Thy grace.

OH, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not?

Blind, blind! How few can see that which is around them!

Ye cannot read the signs of the times.

Arise, awake, whilst there is yet time.

Your temporal welfare blinds you to your spiritual wants.

Oh, greatest of great cities! thou who hast burned the martyrs; thou who art full of iniquity and vice. Surely there are ten good men within thy walls who may save thee from destruction!

IS it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day ?

The Sabbath was intended and set apart as a day of rest from ordinary labour.

As a day of bodily rest, but of spiritual activity.

All that is good for the soul of the individual, or of the many, is lawful on the Sabbath-day.

Jesus healed the sick on the Sabbath.

Go ye, and do likewise.

I would also imitate Jesus as much as I am able ; let me, therefore, aid the sick and helpless on this Thy day of rest. Let me seek out the poor and needy, and comfort them in their afflictions. The poor we have always with us.

WHOSOEVER exalteth himself shall
be abased : and he that humbleth
himself shall be exalted.

Be not self-assertive ; there is One who seeth
and knoweth all.

God is thy judge.

The opinion of man is of little value ; he has
not always the capacity to recognise the best.

The judgment of the present is often reversed
by that of the future.

*I will humble myself in Thy sight : Thou only
knowest my soul. Purge my soul from pride.
What am I that Thou shouldst consider me ? I
am but the creature of Thy hand.*

*I will serve the Lord humbly. He will reward
me according to my deserts.*

WHEN thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind, and thou shalt be blessed, for they cannot recompense thee.

Never expect gratitude.

Do that which is right in the sight of God, and you shall have your reward.


Thy soul will be nourished by the good thou doest to others.

Do good from good motives, not with hope of return.

He that giveth to the needy enricheth his own soul.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

My soul rejoiceth within me. I have sought out the needy, I have comforted their afflictions; I have spoken good words to them. I have healed their sick.



HE that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me ; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

The affections are frequently a hindrance to righteousness.

Love the truth.

Crucify the affections.

Love is beautiful, but justice is Godlike.

Do not be led by the heart : do that which is right.

My heart maketh me weak. I love not wisely nor firmly. I would be good to those dependent on me. Aid me to rule with judgment. Let me bring them to Thee, my Lord and my God.

AND he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

A true follower of Christ has to bear his cross.

He crucifies the affections, the desires of his nature, and many aspirations considered harmless by men.

Although hard to yourself, be good and forbearing to others, be true and just in all thy dealings.

To be worthy of Jesus, you must imitate Him ; follow Him.

Let me take up Thy Cross.

I will lift it on my shoulders.

It grows lighter day by day,

And easier to bear.

If I aid Thee little,

I aid myself much.

I am the servant and follower of Jesus.

WHOSOEVER he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Taken with the context, this means:

Every worldly affection, desire, or acquisition, that interferes with the following of Jesus, must be sacrificed.

Do that which is right before all.

If thy riches are stumbling blocks to thee, sacrifice them.

Whatever keeps you from Jesus, relinquish.

All that I have is Thine.

Thou art my Creator and God.

Thou hast given me Jesus to follow;

I will do His bidding.

I will sacrifice all for Thee.

Increase Thy Spirit within me.

JOY shall be in heaven over one sinner
that repenteth.

Man is of a complex nature.

Men differ from each other.

There is much good and much evil in man's
nature.

Man, in passing through life, should improve
and foster that which is good, and eradicate that
which is evil.

There is joy in heaven when a man is enabled
to overcome his evil nature.

A child is as God made him. A man is what
he and others make of this child.

*My Father, aid me to conquer myself. I have
no enemy but my own nature. Thou hast placed
me in this world burdened with my body. I
will, with the help of Thy Spirit within me,
purge me of its grossness.*

A CERTAIN man had two sons.

And the younger one said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me.

And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

And when he spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

Oh, my Father, let me learn the lesson taught here; let me be patient and curb my desires, so that I may not waste my substance in riotous living, and be in want.

AND he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat, and no man gave to him.

Here, friendless and alone, of less consideration to the citizen than the swine he was in charge of—the pigs which could be fed and made profitable, he was starving and no man gave to him.

Let me subdue my passions and lusts of the flesh, so that I may escape the severe lesson this young man received, although no price is too great to pay, so that the truth be obtained.

AND when he came to himself.

By the starvation of his body, and the misery of his mind, his desires were quenched, and he returned to his right mind.

His animal nature being subdued, his spiritual nature asserted itself.

And he came to himself.

And I, too, have come to myself, by slow progress I have been led to Thy feet. Wisdom is justified of one of her children. Let the gift of Thy Spirit be blessed to me, let it be magnified within me; let my eyes be opened so that I may see God. Jesus, Thou hast taught me as a brother; let me know our Father which is in heaven.

HE said: How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger.

I will arise, and go to my father, and will say unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me one of thy hired servants."

And he arose and came to his father.

Having come to himself, he determined to go to his best friend, his father, humbled and contrite.

What is a man that Thou shouldst consider him?

Of what have I to be proud?

I will arise and go to my Father, humble and contrite.

BUT when he was yet a great way off,
his father saw him, and had compassion,
and ran, and fell on his neck
and kissed him.

Man's will is free.

God gives to all men the right to choose his
way in life.

Here are the roads, take which you please—
the broad and easy, which leadeth to destruction;
the narrow and difficult, to eternal life.

But how readily is the sinner who seeth the
error of his ways, and returneth while there is
yet time, received back.

*Oh, Father, kiss me, kiss Thy son. I have
sinned, but I repent. I fall at Thy knees: for-
give. Have compassion on my weakness.*

AND the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet :

And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry :

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

I am not worthy, but I am forgiven. Thou hast raised me from the dust.

I was debased in my own sight; I was a slave to my passions; but Thou hast made glad my heart. I stand before Thee purified. I also will be merry.

NOW his elder son was in the field :
and as he came, and drew nigh to
the house, he heard music and dancing.

And he called one of the servants
and asked what these things meant.

And he said unto him, Thy brother is
come ; and thy father hast killed the
fatted calf, because he hath received him
safe and sound.

And he was angry, and would not go
in : therefore came his father out, and
entreated him.

And he answering said to his father,
Lo, these many years do I serve thee,
neither transgressed I at any time thy
commandment : and yet thou never gavest
me a kid, that I might make merry with
my friends :

But as soon as this thy son was come,
which hath devoured thy living with
harlots, thou hast killed for him the
fatted calf.

And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever
with me, and all that I have is thine.

It was meet that we should make merry
and be glad : for this thy brother was
dead, and is alive again ; and was lost,
and is found.

How strictly human is this parable.

The younger son, eager to taste of the pleasures
of the world, is duly punished, comes to his
senses, and returns home.

The father only too ready to welcome his son
humbled and repentant.

The elder son, plodding, cautious, jealous of
his father's ready pardon of his wasteful brother.

Three common types of humanity.

*Let me not be envious of my brother, though
his lot seem better than mine. Let me do my
duty in my calling. Thou, Lord, knowest the
heart of man.*

THE children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

Man is educated to face and cope with the world. From his birth upwards he learns how to conduct himself in the struggle for existence.

Jesus commends those who succeed in life.

Man's duty in this world is to do that which he is called upon to do well, so that he shall not only benefit himself, but all with whom he comes into connection.

Aid me to do my duty; let me not be cast down by failure; let me not be envious of those who do better than I. Let me be energetic, and struggle manfully with my troubles and difficulties.

HE that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much : and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unfaithful mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches ?

He that can bring honesty of purpose to bear on worldly matters, is likely to do so in spiritual.

A man who is known to be careless and unbusiness-like in ordinary matters, is not sought to advise in spiritual matters.

I have laboured honestly in the calling Thou hast given me. I have gathered knowledge and have attained wisdom. Aid me to make it useful.

AND if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

As you have to live your life in this world as a preparation for the future life, so must your conduct here determine that of the next.

Be true to yourself and you will be true to your neighbour.

Be faithful in that which is entrusted to you, and you will retain that which is your own.

Jesus has commanded me to love my neighbour as myself; this I endeavour to do. Aid my efforts to be faithful to my trusts, to do my duty to those dependent upon me. I require Thy aid, O God.

THAT which is highly esteemed among men, is abomination in the sight of God.

The judgment of men is fallible : the hypocrite is frequently enabled to hide his vicious life from his neighbours, and may be highly esteemed among men, and yet be an abomination in the sight of God.

Man is progressive ; what he thinks right to-day, he may consider wrong to-morrow ; God's laws are from the beginning, and for all time.

I would obey Thy laws ; guide me to their true interpretation. Thou only art just ; now, and always, man's laws are but for a time. I obey Thee, and Thee only.

IT is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him through whom they come.

Everything being progressive and perfection not yet, it is impossible but that much evil will ensue, but he who worketh the evil will suffer.

He that breaketh the law will be punished.

To plead ignorance of the law is useless, to plead that you have been misguided is useless.

God's laws are written by His own hand, man must interpret them.

I will obey Thy laws, and Thee only will I serve. Grant that I may understand. Let me not be led away by false teachers. Open my eyes that I may see clearly.

IF thy brother trespass against thee,
rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

Point out to him where he is wrong; and if he is sorry, forgive him.

Wrong doing is frequently the result of ignorance, and Jesus teaches that he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, should be beaten with few stripes.

Human nature is weak, forgive him again and yet again.

If I love my neighbour, how much more so should I love my brother? If he offend me, I must forgive him; if he be weaker than I, I must aid him and strengthen him. Father, aid me to do so.

HE that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone.

Who is he that is without sin?

This woman was taken in the very act, and her life was forfeited to the law.

Those who clamoured for her death were sinners, but had not been found out.

He that is without sin, let him be her executioner.

Jesus was left alone with the woman; no man could cast a stone at her.

Who is not guilty in the flesh? Not I, O Lord, This body is an encumbrance; it has its wants and requirements to keep it in health, and a fit abode for Thy Spirit. I cannot cast a stone at her.

NEITHER do I condemn thee, go and
sin no more.

The woman having been brought face to face
with her sin, is sent away to commune with her
soul.

Go, and sin no more.

She is left time for repentance.

According to the law of Moses she would have
been stoned to death ; according to the law of
Jesus, she is allowed to live and to repent.

*I am a sinner, and have repented, and again
I sin. Each day brings its temptations, its
struggles and its triumphs, or its defeats. Lead
me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil.*

LORD, increase our faith.

How difficult it is for a man to believe that which he does not understand.

He should not say he believes that which he does not understand; he should confess his ignorance.

Oh, Lord, I believe (it is my wish to believe), pardon my unbelief.

Faith is trust in God.

God is all powerful, all knowing.

What is man? He knows a little, and is still groping in the dark.

Lord, increase our knowledge and our faith.

My God, Thou knowest I believe. That man is a fool who dost not trust in Thee. What do I know? In Thy sight I am nought. Thou created me, and bearest me in Thy arms. I have faith in Thee and Thy justice.

IF ye have faith, ye shall say unto this mountain : Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove ; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

If a man has faith, he has confidence to do great things.

A man having faith in himself and the cause he advocates, can move his fellow men, a more difficult thing than to remove mountains, which are moved daily by the labour of man.

This text is figurative.

I have faith : I will remove a mountain. I will move my brother to believe in Thee.

Arise ! God is here, he is around us. Here at thy elbow, within you. His Spirit is within me.

My God, I will do Thy bidding. I will serve Thee, and Thee only.

SO, likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants ; we have done that which was our duty to do.

Can a man do more than his duty? He can do it with zeal, with conscientiousness—he can throw his whole soul into his work, and although he has only done that which he was called upon to do, yet has he done it well.

I will serve Thee ; I will obey Thy laws. Open my eyes to the truth. Interpret Thy words to my understanding. I am but an unprofitable servant. I will watch, and pray oft. I will be ready at Thy call.

THERE are not found that returned to
give glory to God save this stranger.

Gratitude is a rare virtue, benefits are accepted
as a matter of course.

We are all dependent upon one another, and
should reciprocate.

God has given us life, His greatest gift, He
has placed us in a most beautiful world, and has
said, Obey My laws and you shall be happy.

Give glory to God.

*Arise! I will sing unto the Lord; I glorify
Thee, my Maker. My heart is full of gladness
and of song.*

*I am grateful to Thee. Thy Spirit is within
me. I shall see Thee face to face.*

THE kingdom of God is within you.

Every man has within him a God-like quality.

The Holy Spirit.

A portion of the Spirit of God.

See that you sin not against the Holy Ghost,
God within you.

Be true to yourself.

He that is true to himself will be true to his
neighbour.

Be not deceived.

*I feel Thee within me; I know that I am
Thine. Thou art my God, Thy Spirit is my
soul. I am holy, for I am part of Thee. I will
not break Thy laws, for I should commit the
great sin against Thy Spirit within me.*

BUT first must he suffer many things,
and be rejected of this generation.

He that is ahead of his times must suffer until public opinion has reached his level: he is then acknowledged: knowledge advances, and he is left behind.

Jesus was so advanced in his doctrine, that even now, eighteen hundred years after, his teaching is not universally accepted.

What is man that Thou shouldst consider him, a learner groping in the dark.

Jesus, Thou wert rejected by Thy generation; may we be wiser, and acknowledge Thee as our lawgiver.

MEN ought always to pray and not to faint.

Cease not in well-doing.

Cast your bread upon the waters, and it shall return unto you after many days.

Sow your seed, it is God who giveth the increase.

Do not be cast down by ill-success; if you reap not the harvest yourself, others who follow you will do so.

Nothing is lost.

I will not cease to pray to Thee; I will not be cast down. Why should I faint? My soul is my God's, my body is Thy gift. God is all in all.

TWO men went up into the temple to pray ; the one a Pharisee, the other a Publican.

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this Publican. I fast twice in a week, I give tithe of all that I possess.

Probably just and honourable, and yet a man, therefore imperfect, having need of God.

Let me not be puffed up. What is a man in Thy sight ? If I do all I am commanded I am but an unprofitable servant. Save me from vain glory.

AND the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful unto me a sinner.

Here was a man who acknowledged his weakness and necessity for help, and humbly sued for mercy.

This man went to his house justified rather than the other, and in a more healthful frame of mind.

And be merciful to me also, my Father, for am I not a sinner also?

Strive as I may, yet do I err. I am condemned in my own eyes. Thy Spirit within me shows me when I do wrong.

God be merciful to me, a sinner.

SUFFER little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

The attribute of childhood is innocence.

Pure and innocent, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

The world degrades this childish innocence, but he who passes through unscathed, comes out strengthened.

The wisdom of old age takes the place of the innocence of childhood.

The purity of the wise, combined with knowledge, is more beautiful than that of childhood with ignorance.

I am no longer a child, my innocence has departed. Aid me to achieve purity of body and soul, that my spirit may return to Thee.

WHOSOEVER shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein.

There are many things still requiring the faith of a little child, man not having yet attained the fulness of knowledge.

Let us then accept much that we cannot understand, with the loving faith of a little child.

Increase my faith within me. I would enter Thy kingdom even as a little child, pure and innocent.

To the pure, all things are pure; and I would be pure.

GOOD master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

Sell all that thou hast, and distribute to the poor, and come, follow me.

He was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God.

Where the treasure is, there shalt the heart be also.

He that devotes himself to the acquirement of wealth, or its enjoyment, has no heart for the spiritual life; the soul is choked by the grossness of the body.

I do not desire riches; give me enough, and no more. Let me devote myself to Thee.

WHO then can be saved?

The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

If it is difficult for those who devote themselves to the enjoyment of the pleasures of this life to become Godly, who can enter into the kingdom of heaven?

God knows the heart. Many of those who appear to lead a worldly life do right in the sight of God.

God only is the judge.

Thou knowest my heart, O God; Thou only art the judge. The judgment of man is fallible, he sees only the outside.

Thou knowest my motives, and all surrounding circumstances. I put my trust in Thee.

THERE is no man who hath left house,
or parents, or brethren, or wife, or
children, for the kingdom of God's sake,
who shall not receive manifold more in
this present time, and in the world to
come, life everlasting.

He that acts from conscientious motives receives the reward of peace of mind.

Be sure ye be not led away by false opinions.

Act with justice to those dependent on you.

Your nearest neighbour is your own family.

My God, Thou art my Father, Thou hast given me life. I am dependent upon Thee. I will serve Thee in spirit and in truth.

FOR the son of man is come to seek
and save that which was lost.

Jesus always insisted on His humanity, all his
sympathies were human, pitiful, merciful, loving.

God is just.

Jesus is merciful.

Poor human nature, how weak, how impression-
able, how easily lead, always requiring a Saviour.

*Oh, God, my Creator, Thou who hast given us
a guide and teacher in Jesus, thy Christ, the
chosen one. Let me imitate Him, let me follow
humbly, and at a distance, in His footsteps.
I am weak, but I would do the good that I can,
with my whole heart.*

UNTIL every one that hath shall be given ; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

We are put into this world to be educated and to advance ; each one should improve such talent as is given to him.

Progress may be fast or slow, as circumstances may permit.

If a man helps himself, God will help him.

If a man will do nothing for himself, God does nothing for him.

Aid me, I beseech Thee. I labour to understand and obey Thy laws. I will do Thy bidding. Give me light to read Thy commands aright, and to interpret them.

MY house is a house of prayer : but ye
have made it a den of thieves.

Woe unto him who makes the house of prayer
a stepping-stone to worldly success.

Preach the Word.

Feed the hungry.

Heal the sick.

Eat and drink such things as are given to thee.

A workman is worthy of his hire.

Beware that ye make not the house of prayer
a den of thieves.

*To imitate Christ, I should heal the sick, help
the poor and needy, teach the ignorant, preach to
those anxious to learn, and warn sinners to
repentance. All this I will do ; aid me to do
His will.*

AND he taught daily in the Temple.

Teach ye daily.

The house of God should be always open.

Prayer is a daily requirement of the soul.

Prayer to the soul is as necessary as food to the body.

He that hath wisdom let him expound to him that hath not.

Hide not your light under a bushel.

Be sure that your light is pure.

What I know that will I teach, yea, daily in Thy temple. Thy temple is where Thou art, and Thou art everywhere. Guide me to know Thy Word, that I may teach it to others.

AND the chief priests and the scribes
sought to lay hands on him.

Oh, ye in high places, why do ye not teach the people, why are you always yourselves the last to learn ?

Your cry is, rest and be thankful.

Woe unto you, Scribes, Pharisees, Hypocrites, blind leaders of the blind, beware of the wrath to come.

Beware of the tide of progress, if ye dam it up it will burst through, and carry you away with it.

I will arise, I will open my lips. Thou hast taught me what to say. Behold, the teachers are dumb, the people cannot hear. Open the mouths of Thy priests ; give power to the pens of Thy scribes. Glory ! Glory to God !

AND they feared the people.

Why fear the people?

Because ye have not done your duty by them.

Ye have not taught them, but kept them in ignorance.

Blind, degraded ignorance.

Awake, ye down-trodden, listen to the words of your Saviour.

Jesus, the son of man, the carpenter's son, the teacher of man.

*I fear not the people, nor do I fear the priests.
I imitate Jesus, my Master.*

*Listen to the glad tidings : Jesus, who died to
save sinners, Jesus, the Comforter, is free ; free
from the Cross.*

RENDER unto Cæsar the things which
be Cæsar's, and unto God the things
which be God's.

Submit to the law.

It may not be a just law, still it is the law.

If it be not just, rectify it by legal means.

The people are many, and they are mighty.

The law is for the people's good, if it be not so,
it is not a just law.

Away with it, away with it.

*I acknowledge that my own interests should be
subservient to those of the many. I am willing
to make sacrifices for them. God keep me from
selfishness, and aid me to do what I can for my
fellow creatures.*

FOR he is not a God of the dead, but
of the living, for all live unto him.

The body dieth, but the soul liveth.
In Him we live and move, and have our being.
The body returneth to the dust.
The soul returneth to Him that gave it.
The temporary life with the body on earth;
the eternal life with God in heaven.

*Thou hast given me life.
My heart is joyful:
I will sing a song to Thee.
My body will soon die:
My soul returns to God.
I am Thine for ever and ever.*

BEWARE of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts.

Which devour widows' houses, and for a show, make long prayers; the same shall receive greater damnation.

The sin of hypocrisy degrades the soul.

The hypocrite injures himself, and also those whom he deceives.

He that knoweth what is right should do what is right.

Knowledge and power are too often used by the wicked to rob the poor and ignorant.

It is my pleasure to do good to others. Save me from hypocrisy.

FOR all these have of their abundance
cast in unto the offerings of God,
but she of her penury, hath cast in all
the living that she had.

It is easy to give of your superfluity.
But to deny oneself to give to others is hard.
Give heartily, not grudgingly.
Give not at all, if it be not with thy whole
heart.

*Oh, my Father, give me grace to imitate the
beautiful character of Jesus ; He was charitable
to the faults of the weak, He taught the ignorant,
He healed the sick, He fed the hungry, He clothed
the naked, He gave His life, all that He possessed,
as an example to mankind.*

AND ye shall be hated of all men for
my name's sake.

The teaching of Jesus is impossible to the worldly.

The priesthood have therefore instituted a religion, which is smoothed to the powerful and wealthy.

The poor and wretched are to receive comfort hereafter, for the misery they endure here.

Those who are rich in worldly goods can do what they please, so long as they conform to an outward show of respectability.

He who preaches Jesus is avoided by the well-to-do.

For Thy sake, Father, I am willing to be hated by the worldly. Give me Thy grace, and I fear no one.

IN your patience possess ye your souls.

Suffer and be strong.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.

Let him ask in faith, nothing doubting.

Trust in God, ye shall not be tempted beyond your strength.

Man can only destroy the surroundings; happiness is from within, and consists in a contented mind, full of faith in God.

Oh, God, my Maker, Thou knowest I am patient; I seek Thy aid. Thou hast granted me strength to bear. I am here but a short while, let me not give way to the troubles that surround me. I ask in faith what is good for me: Thou givest me not what in my blindness I desire.

TAKE heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life.

Be careful, but not over careful ; let not your hearts be cast down by worldly troubles.

Surfeiting and drunkenness destroy the body, and choke the soul.

The glutton and the drunkard sink in their own mud.

Their souls are blinded.

Oh, God, preserve me from the degrading vices of gluttony and drunkenness. I pray Thee most earnestly to give me strength to resist their influence. I will keep away from temptation ; I will not attend their feasts.

WATCH ye, therefore, and pray always.

Watch yourself, and pray that ye may resist the temptations of the flesh.

The flesh is ever with thee, and compasseth thee around, and is always tempting thee to gratify its desires.

Watch, therefore, and pray always.

I will sing a glad song to Thee, my Maker. I will praise Thee with my voice. In the early morn will I pray to Thee; at noon will I see to my ways. Before eve I will fall down before Thee; at night I will again watch, and pray to my Lord and my God.

AND the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him.

Was He not preaching doctrines destructive to their authority?

Although good and pure, yet was he not schismatic?

"It is to our interest to put Him out of the way.

Down with Him! To the death.

Crucify Him!"

Keep me from self-seeking; what is good, what is true, let me help and advance, even to my worldly injury.

What is good for Thy people must be good for me; I will sacrifice my individual interests for the general welfare.

Aid me to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

JESUS wept.

To mourn for a loved one is nature's right.

Remember not to give way to sorrow, let it not injure you or others.

Excess of mourning is harmful to the body.

If you withdraw yourself from your duties to indulge your grief, you injure those who are dependent upon you for bodily and mental support.

Jesus wept, but he failed not to assist the other mourners.

I also weep.

I mourn for the loved one.

He is gone to his rest.

His spirit is with Thee.

He has left his earthly father.

He is with his heavenly Father.

Thy name be praised.

BEHOLD how he loved him.

Jesus loved His friend, and wept for him.

He comforted the relatives, and aided them.

Jesus was active in His ministrations.

Be not cast down by your sorrow, but imitate
Jesus.

Arise, and give of your strength to those
weaker than yourself.

Jesus loved His fellow man.

How well He loved His friend!

He wept when death removed him.

Behold how He loved him!

I love Jesus with my whole heart.

I will obey His word and commands.

I will devote my life to Him.

I will imitate Jesus.

HE poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet.

He that would be great among you, let him be your servant.

The most honourable position is that of one who serves honestly.

Every man does, or should serve his fellow man.

That man lives a worthless life who lives only for himself.

If I would imitate Jesus I must do so in all things. Let me be kind to those dependent upon me; let me serve the needy and those who require my services; let me heal the sick, and be good to all around me; then, like Jesus, I wash the disciples' feet.

I CAME not to judge the world, but
to save the world.

There is but one judge ; God is just.

Jesus, the man, is merciful ; He came to warn,
to save ; He is no judge ; He is the advocate, He
pleads for mercy for the poor, the helpless, and
the ignorant.

Father, forgive them, they know not what
they do.

*Jesus came to save
Man from himself,
From the flesh,
With its vices and crimes.
Let us imitate Him.
Freed from the dust and the ashes,
Fear not the judgment,
For God is a just judge.*

IF I, then, your lord and master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

Imitate Jesus.

Serve the brethren.

Do good unto others.

Every man is dependent upon his brethren.

I give you aid to-day, because I am able; I myself may require assistance to-morrow.

Love your neighbour as yourself.

He washed their feet;

He, their Teacher and Master.

He humbled Himself before them.

I must do likewise;

I, who would follow His teaching,

I will serve the brethren.

A NEW commandment I give unto you.
That ye love one another; as I
have loved you, that ye also love one
another.

Jesus set aside the old law of retaliation—
an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, and
introduced the new law of love.

Love one another.

The perfect man is the embodiment of love,
in all its phases.

Love one another.

Love, man's chief attribute;

Love, which enobles the weak;

Love, adorning the strong;

Love, of a man and his wife;

Love, of the parent and child;

Love, universal.

BY this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another.

By their fruits shall ye know them.

If you love your fellow man you imitate Jesus, and are one of his disciples.

There is no other sign but love, it is comprehensive, universal.

I would be a disciple of Jesus, obey his commands and imitate Him. I endeavour to love those with whom I come in contact with all my heart, and do good to those around me.

I would force my inclination to love those who are repugnant to my nature. Alas! it is difficult at times.

IT is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life.

The flesh is ever wasting and changing, and eventually dies.

The spirit never dies, but is transmitted.

The words spoken by Jesus are spiritual, they nourish the soul, and if attended to, lead to eternal life.

*What is my body but dust?
It came from the earth,
To the earth it will return.
My spirit is Thy gift,
And to Thee it will return.
Let me so use it
As to fit it to Thy service,
And to life evermore with Thee.*

THIS do in remembrance of me.

Who would not desire to reverence the last wish of a friend or benefactor?

Behold, the greatest benefactor man ever had is here.

Remember Him, therefore, always.

Take up His cross daily, and imitate Him.

Obey His command: "Love one another;"

"This do in remembrance of Me."

I will—I will ever remember him.

By morn, at noon, at eve

Will I bear Him in mind.

He is my brother;

He gave His life for me.

I will love Him and obey Him.

I will imitate Jesus,

The Christ.

WHOEVER would be great among
you, let him be your minister.

“I serve.”

A most honourable device.

We all serve in different capacities, and under
different conditions.

See that your service be true.

If your service be true, you need not fear
the master's eye.

He who would be distinguished from the rest,
let him help the poor, the ignorant, and the
needy.

I desire to serve Thee.

Let me help this little one,

To this poor man give bread.

I will teach the ignorant,

And aid the sick and needy.

Jesus, my Friend and Master.

PRAY, that ye enter not into temptation.

Rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

If the soul be aroused, the body is kept under.

Pray, that your body may not tempt thee.

If ye pray, your mind is occupied, and you escape temptation.

Should temptation approach, pray, that you may be able to resist it.

I will pray to my God;

I will keep my body in subjection.

My flesh shall not conquer me.

I will be master in my own house.

Give me strength, O Father,

To imitate Jesus.

I am also Thy son.

IF ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

From Jesus, the perfect man, the knowledge of God can soon be acquired.

Imitate Jesus, and ye shall know God.

The soul of man requires the education obtained by the study of the life and teaching of Jesus, to see God.

The perfection of the qualities found in man must be first acquired, before spiritual perfection can be attained.

I would know my Father, He who hath created me and endowed me with His Spirit. Jesus I have endeavoured to imitate, but at what a distance!

AND ye shall know the truth, and the
truth shall make you free.

Ye who are burdened by sin, ye who are ignorant, and can obtain no light from your teachers, imitate Jesus, learn from Him, and Him only; from Him shall ye know the truth, and the truth shall free you from all dogma and trammels of the priesthood.

I know the truth.

My eyes are opened.

My soul is free.

Jesus, I follow Thee.

Christ, the Chosen One,

Has made me free.

WHOSOEVER committeth sin is the servant of sin.

A man is enslaved by his vices, and is a servant to his habits.

Sin that is habitual is masterful.

Be careful in thy youth not to contract evil habits; they are difficult to throw off.

Oh, ye parents, ye teachers of youth, great is your responsibility.

“Suffer little children to come unto Me.”

Be very careful of the young.

My body has dragged me down into the depths.

When I was young, I was very ignorant: I had no teacher.

My sin has found me out.

God be merciful unto me a sinner.

BECAUSE I tell you the truth ye believe me not.

How unpalatable is truth when it points out
to a man his faults.

How disinclined to acknowledge the truth.

Yet conscience knows the truth.

Jesus spoke the truth, and was crucified; his
followers are martyred.

The priests have bound Christ to His cross,
and gagged His speech, and all is comfortable.

*Christ has declared the truth,
I believe.*

I will imitate Jesus.

Lord, I believe,

Help Thou mine unbelief.

IN my Father's house are many mansions.

There is room for all.

If ye love one another, be ye Jew, Mahomedan,
or Infidel, you are a disciple.

The only requisite to enable you to enter the
kingdom of heaven is,

Love one another.

Love is common to all:

To the Jew, the Christian, idolater.

It is found in the hearts of all men.

To all the Spirit of God is given.

Prove it by mutual love,

And enter His mansion,

The House of God.

IF ye love me, keep my commandments.

Love one another.

Do good to your neighbour.

Jesus gave no other command.

He approved and adopted the old commandments of Moses :

You shall not injure your neighbour ;

But he gave but one :

“Love your neighbour as yourself.”

If I would imitate Jesus, I must keep His commandment : “Be good to your neighbour.” Surely I could not do a more sensible thing for my own interest : make friends with those with whom I come in contact.

THE Comforter, which is the Holy
Ghost.

The gift of the Holy Ghost—

The Spirit of Truth.

The Father sends to man His own Spirit, the
Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, which shall be
a Comforter.

God in man.

He shall teach you all things.

The Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

The Spirit of God in man—

He who has this, has all.

My soul is glad within me,

My soul rejoices in the Lord ;

My song is of Thee ;

Thou hast comforted me

In times of trouble.

Praise the Lord.

AND this is life eternal, that they might
know thee, the only true God.

I came from God.
I live on earth.
I return to God.
And this is life eternal.

*My spirit is cumbered with the flesh ;
My eyes are dim,
I cannot see God.
My mind is filled with knowledge.
I study Thy laws,
Written by Thine own hand
And interpreted by man.
Light breaks in upon me.
Let me but be rid of the flesh,
Then I shall know Thee,
The one true God ;
And this is life eternal.*

BETRAYEST thou the son of man with
a kiss.

How often is man betrayed with a kiss !

Beware of false friends.

Kisses are not always tokens of love.

A man who takes advantage of a friend for
his own benefit is bad indeed.

Jesus was sold by a disciple

For greed and for silver.

Jesus is daily betrayed

By false disciples ;

They live by His name,

And betray Him.

I will preach Jesus,

He who is bound to the Cross

By His disciples.

Come, let us free Him,

Jesus invictus !

SUFFER ye thus far.

Do not resent this evil done to you.

My disciples do not understand.

My followers are men, having the feelings of men, and resent this wrong done to Me, as men.

Until such time as man can control his animal nature, and the spirit assert itself, man will resort to force, and will feel revenge.

I will control myself.

'Tis good to suffer, and be strong.

I will not resent the evil.

It is good for the spirit.

I will imitate Jesus.

“Suffer ye thus far.”

BE ye come out as against a thief, with
swords and staves ?

How little do ye know Me.
I obey the law, and suffer by the law.
Ye are unconsciously aiding My work.
By your acts you make Me chief among
martyrs.

I use no force. My word will receive strength
from your acts.

The irresistible force of truth, backed by time,
will bear down armies of sword bearers and stave
carriers.

*I was alone, one against many.
Ye came with swords and staves.
I resisted not, but yielded.
I was carried to the judgment.
Ye were ignorant, and knew not what ye did.
Forgive them, Father.*

I KNOW him not.

And the Lord turned and looked
upon Peter.

And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

How weak is man.

Peter loved Jesus, yet feared to suffer with
Him.

How many Peters are to be found amongst
the followers of Jesus,

Loving, but very weak.

I love my Master faithfully,

Nor will I deny Him.

How could I bear His look

Were I to say Him nay?

That sad and sorrowful look

Which made Peter weep,

Would cut my heart in twain;

I could not survive it.

AND the man that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him.

The followers of authority, to avoid responsibility, obey.

The men that held Him mocked and smote Him, to curry favour with their masters.

The ignorant servant is not to be blamed for doing the behests of his master.

It is to his misfortune that he is ignorant.

See that ye are not ignorant.

Oh, Lord, I thank Thee that Thou hast removed from me the curse of ignorance; give me light that I may justly interpret Thy laws, written by Thine own hand in Thy great Book of the universe.

PROPHECY who is it that smote thee?

The foolish, ignorant rabble, made up of men
unable to understand sublimity of character.

Who is it that smote Thee?

I, a nobody, smote Thee, Jesus.

Let it be handed down to posterity in the
archives of my family!

Poor, ignorant fanatics and slaves!

Sublime sight! Infinite love.

Pity and sorrow for their ignorance.

The Teacher set upon by the school.

I have taught you My doctrines:

Love, charity, mercy.

You are not ready; you cannot learn.

The time will come

When you will believe Me.

IF I tell you, you will not believe.

They could not have understood.

Their minds were unprepared to receive the doctrines He was teaching.

It has taken eighteen hundred years for man to study Him, and still they do not believe.

His followers have bound Him to His cross by bands of their own construction.

Come, let us free Him.

My God, our God, it is time.

*I will aid to free Jesus from the trammels
heaped upon Him by His followers.*

Jesus, speak to us Thy own words,

Let us hear Thy voice again.

Loose Him from the Cross.

ART thou then the son of God?

And he said unto them, Ye say
that I am.

The Son of God.

Are we not all Sons of God?

We are His children brought into the world
at His command.

Jesus, He who was full of the Holy Ghost,
He is a Son of God.

*Yes, I am God's son,
And will do His bidding.
I will learn from Jesus;
Who knew man as He did?
He taught us to love the brethren,
To be merciful to all men,
To heal the sick.
I will imitate Jesus.
I am also a son of God.*

ART thou the king of the Jews?

Of all things, Jesus was no king.

His wish was to serve ;

To wait on others, to heal the sick, to feed
the hungry.

A teacher, but no ruler.

Thou sayest I am the king of the Jews.

I do not.

The king of the Jews!

A small and failing tribe.

Jesus was king of all mankind,

Then, and for all time.

His Word will rule the world.

Come, let us unbind Him.

Open Thy mouth again,

Preach to us once more.

Listen to His teaching.

WHAT is truth?

Pilate, and every man before and since, has asked this question :

What is Truth?

Jesus came into the world to give the answer :

The Spirit of Truth ;

The Comforter ;

Love one another.

What is truth?

My heart yearns for truth.

Oh, Jesus, my Master and Teacher, may the spirit of truth rest in my heart, and be to me an eternal comforter.

May grace abound in me, that I may love all mankind in humbleness of heart, and in truth, fearing no man; and then shall I see God in eternal life.

I FIND no fault in this man.
He sent him to Herod.

Pilate could find no legal evidence of wrongdoing on the part of Jesus; and wishing to avoid responsibility, he sent Him to Herod, the governor of Galilee.

The Roman law could find no fault in Him.

The priests, jealous of His influence with the people, hounded Him to death.

*He was faultless,
Yet must He die.
He was holy,
Yet must He be crucified.
He came into the world to save sinners;
To do so, He must die for them.
What infinite love!*

HE answered them nothing.

Jesus would not justify Himself before Herod,
yet could he find no fault in Him.

Pilate, therefore, offered to release Him.

But the priests prevailed, and Pilate gave
sentence that it should be as they wished.

To please the Jewish authorities, Pilate cruci-
fied this just man, in whom there was no fault.

*Oh, for the weakness of man,
In a little brief authority!
Fearful of his fellows,
Not resting on God and right.
I will put my trust in Thee,
And in Thy laws,
My Lord and my God.*

CRUCIFY him ! Crucify him !

The class-hatred. A teacher :

Crucify Him.

He teaches not as we do :

Crucify Him.

He taketh no tithes :

Crucify Him.

He healeth the sick :

Crucify Him.

He consorteth with publicans and sinners :

Crucify Him.

He does good on the Sabbath-day :

Crucify Him.

Although we find Him a just man, good and merciful, charitable and loving, He is not as we are :

Crucify Him ! Crucify Him !

*Oh, Jesus, my brother,
This is the reward of Thy love—
To be crucified.*

DAUGHTERS of Jerusalem, weep not
for me, but weep for yourselves,
and for your children.

I am as one dead ; weep not for the dead.

Weep for yourselves, for you will be the
sufferers.

Weep for your children, who will pass through
great tribulation.

Oh, weep for your children, and your children's
children's children, for those of the future ; for
many generations will pass before ye acknowledge
My doctrine of love.

Alas for the women !

They weep for their children.

Pity the poor mothers

Bereft of their children.

CALVARY (Latin). Golgotha (Hebrew).

A hill shaped like a skull.

The place of execution, a polluted spot outside the city.

Now the holy place.

Golgotha, where Jesus gave up His life to crown His work.

*I sing of Calvary,
The scorn of the Roman.
I sing of Golgotha,
Hated of the Jew.
I sing the Holy Place,
The glory of the Christian,
The place where Jesus died,
Crucified, to save sinners:
Glory, praise, love.*

THERE they crucified him.

The crowning act of an ignorant and brutal law, urged on by priestly hatred and jealousy.

The arch priest, hounded to death by the priests, ministers of a religion, preaching the doctrine of "a tooth for a tooth."

Away with it.

Make way for the teacher inculcating the doctrine of love—universal love and charity.

*They crucified Him,
Teacher and Master.
He died on the Cross,
Loving and Holy.
Between two thieves,
Pure and undefiled.
Mocked by soldiers,
Forgiving all.*

FATHER, forgive them ; they know not
what they do.

The most beautiful prayer ever offered.
The triumph of humanity.
A perfect end to a perfect life.
Worthy of imitation.

*Father, forgive them,
Ignorant.
They know not what they do,
Led by others.
Let My word enlighten them,
Poor and needy.
Give them Thy Holy Spirit
To guide them—
Love, charity, mercy.
Watchwords.*

THE people stood beholding.

The rulers derided him, and the soldiers mocked him.

The people, who had watched His life, and knew His goodness, stood beholding.

The rulers, who feared Him and His doctrines derided Him.

The soldiers (machines) obeyed orders, mocked Him.

Have pity for the poor ignorant Jewish priests, and Roman soldiers, and all those who lent themselves to the death of Jesus; had they known what they were doing, it would be different.

Oh, Father, let me not be one of those consenting to crucify Jesus by my ignorance. I have advantaged by His teaching; let me imitate Him, and be guided by Him alway.

HE saved others, himself he cannot save.

Jesus had lived His life and crowned His
work by His death.

He saved others, and will do so for all time.

He died, but still lives an everlasting, vital,
and spiritual influence.

Jesus, my Saviour,

I will sing of Him alway.

Jesus who died to save sinners,

Sing ye aloud.

Jesus the Saviour of all men,

Sing His praises.

Jesus, God's chosen Christ,

Sung by the universe.

TO-DAY shalt thou be with me in
Paradise.

A sect of the Jews believed that Paradise was a place of happiness, to which the souls of the pious were received immediately on death.

Of such a place as Paradise we have no definite knowledge.

*If Paradise is where Thou art,
There would I be.
To be with Jesus is happiness indeed.
The kingdom of Heaven.
Am I worthy to join Thee?
Thou only knowest.
My soul is in Thy hands,
My Father and God.*

FATHER, into thy hands I commend
my spirit.

The last words of Jesus.

This should be the prayer of every man,
made in perfect confidence in the justice of
God,

God has created us, and He knows what to
do with our spirits.

Have no fear, God is just.

He knows us, our weakness, and our tempta-
tions.

My soul to Thee I commend.

In Thy hands it is safe.

Thou art my Maker and Judge.

Thou knowest my weakness,

My trials and temptations.

I trust only in Thee.

AND having said this, he gave up the ghost.

Jesus died.

As man dies, so did he die.

He yielded up his spirit to his Maker.

God knows what to do with the spirit of man.

Man does not know, and it is good for him that it is so.

If it were well for man that he should know, God would teach us.

Oh, my Father, when Thou callest upon me, to yield up Thy Spirit within me to Thy charge, may I do so with the faith shown by Jesus. My body will return to the earth of which it is made, and my soul to Thee, from whom it came.

God be merciful to me a sinner.

GREATER love hath no man than this :
that a man lay down his life for his
friends.

The sacrifice of everything—life—all.

To man is given the gift of life, added to which
God has given His Holy Spirit, that he may
return it to God, worthy of the donor.

If a man gives his life for his friends, he gives
all, and proves his great love.

Love, man's attribute.

He gave His life for us,

Jesus the Comforter.

He died upon the Cross,

To prove His greater love

For us, for man, his friends,

Jesus the Comforter.

CERTAINLY this was a righteous man.

The centurion who was an eye-witness of the condemnation and death of Jesus, acknowledged, in spite of prejudice, that He was a righteous man, that His conduct and death upon the Cross proved the honesty of His purpose.

Unprejudiced observers must have been struck with the calmness of the conduct of Jesus during His trial and execution.

*He was a righteous man,
Jesus the Christ.
He died as He had lived,
Full of love and charity.
"Forgive them, they know not what they do.
Into Thy hands I commend my spirit,"
My Father and my God.*

WE have heard him ourselves, and know
that this is indeed the Christ, the
Saviour of the world.

And we can hear Him now if we choose.

Read what is written of Him, compare His life
and teaching with that of other men ; ask your
own hearts, and the answer will be : "This is,
indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

*Christ, the Chosen One of God,
Selected to free mankind
From the burden of the flesh and of sin,
Enable Thy Holy Spirit
To gather strength within me,
And to burst its bonds
Trammelled by the body.*

DO ye now believe?

I came from the Father, and am come into the world ; again I leave the world and go to the Father.

Do you now believe? I am the Christ, the Chosen One of God ; Jesus, the Comforter, sent into the world to teach mankind the doctrine of universal love.

Lord, I believe, pardon my unbelief. My soul is full of Thy teaching. I would give myself wholly to Thee, and Thy work ; aid me to withdraw myself from the cares of the world.

THE Lord is risen indeed.

The death of Jesus was but the beginning of the mission of His Word. His life, His teaching is the leaven that will leaven the whole lump. Purity, and the highest humanity was lived and preached by Jesus. Jesus, the perfect man, should be the model on which every man should endeavour to form his character.

Jesus has risen indeed.

*The Lord is risen indeed.
His Word through all the world
Lies deep in the heart of man :
The law of love and charity.
The Lord is risen indeed.
He is here, He is there,
His presence is around me.
I rest in His arms.*

THUS it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations.

The Lord has risen indeed! His Word pervades the civilised world, in spite of all the mystery, dogma, and fable which have been introduced by his followers to deceive the ignorant.

Great is truth, and it will prevail.

Jesus invictus.

BEHOLD the man.

Aye, behold the man !

Here was a man indeed : the God-like man.
The man who had so much of the spirit of truth
within Him that He laid down His life for His
friends. Greater love hath no man than this.

My God, let me imitate Jesus.

AMEN.

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